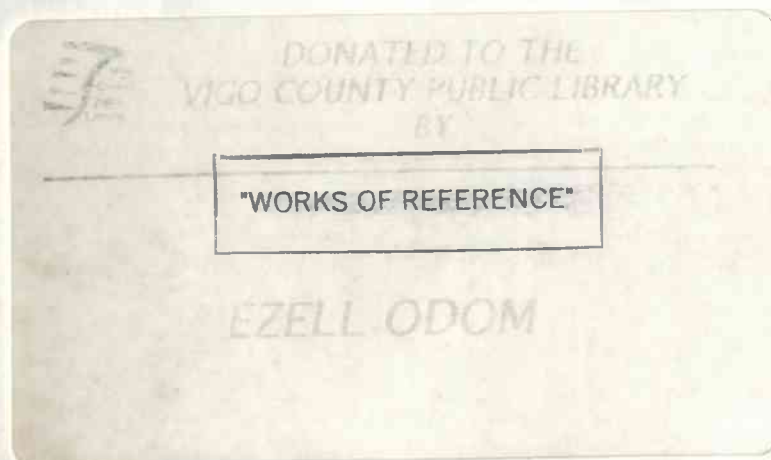




BLACK CHURCHES OF THE TERRE HAUTE AREA

**PHOTOGRAPH BY:
EZELL ODOM
2001-2002**

BLACK CHURCHES OF THE TERRE HAUTE AREA



MAINSPC 277.3 B
Black churches of the Terre
Haute area /

**PHOTOGRAPH BY:
EZELL ODOM
2001-2002**

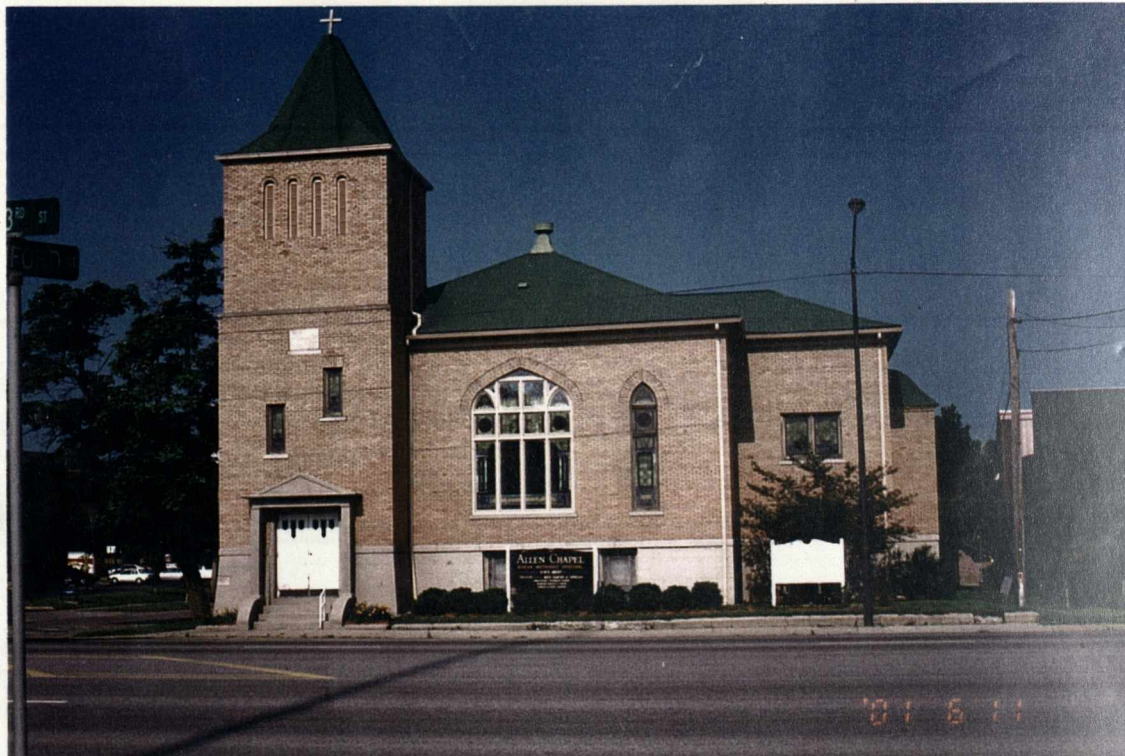
ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

TERRE HAUTE'S CONNECTION

IN THE HISTORY OF

AFRICAN-AMERICANS

IN INDIANA



17 87

Allen Chapel AME Church
218 Crawford St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807 234-5780
Rev. David Spells, Pastor

20 02

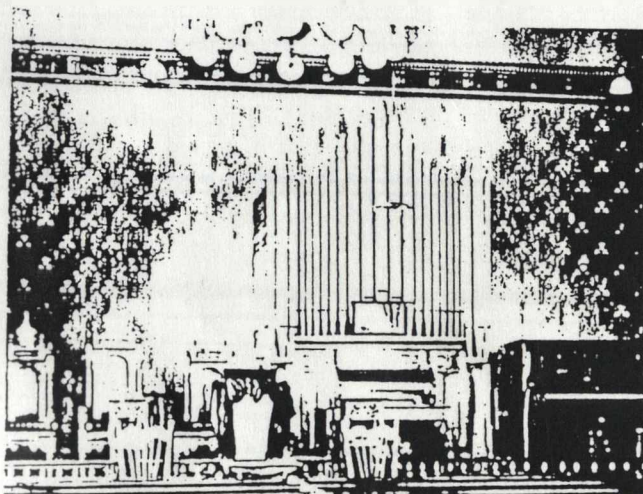
Richard Allen and Ebsolam Jones formed the Free African Society in Philadelphia in 1787. It was the first mutual aid organization for African-Americans in the country.

After being ordained in the Methodist Church, Rev. Allen and Rev. Jones persuaded many of the African-Americans in the community to attend St. George Methodist Episcopal Church. When they were barred from praying at the altar like the White members of the congregation, they decided to leave St. George's.

A converted blacksmith shop became Rev. Allen's first house of worship in 1787. As the anvil is the chief instrument for molding metal in blacksmith shops, Rev. Allen determined that it would become the official symbol of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to denote that instead of molding metal the A.M.E. church molds lives.

the evidence of the fire. While the church was being rebuilt, virtually from scratch, services were held in a tent on the lawn of Charles T. Hyte, a prominent member of the congregation who lived nearby. At the time Hyte was the principal of Booker T. Washington School, one of the segregated schools in the city.

Through out other periods of history the church has benefited from the efforts of other such well known personalities as Eugene V. Debs and baseball great Jackie Robinson.



The church houses the first tracker-action pipe organ installed in Terre Haute. The original bell from the Vigo County Courthouse continues to hang in the main tower of the church. The cream-colored brick used in the Tudor-Revival style of architecture was locally manufactured.

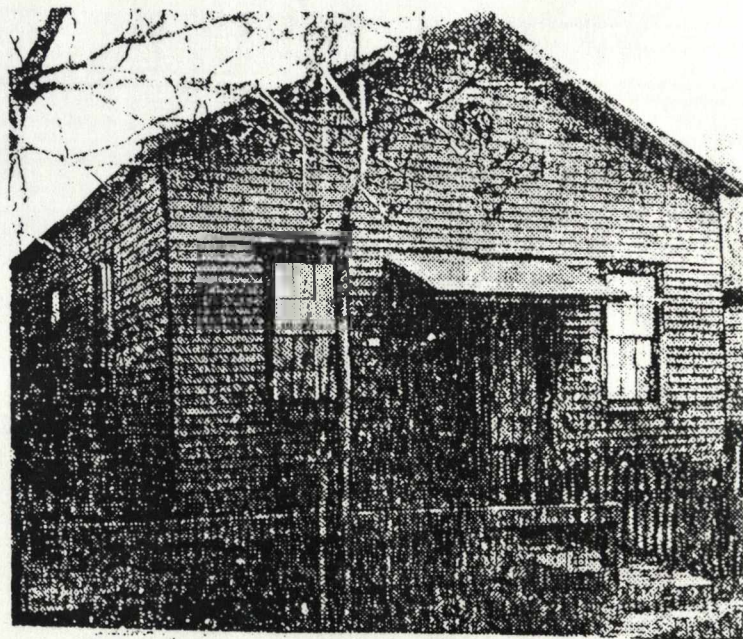
On September 5, 1975, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church was put on the National Register of Historic Places, the sixth local structure to be so listed, and one of the few significantly historic structures left on the Third Street Corridor.

Information compiled by Bette Davis, church historian, and Marlene Lu.

ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH TERRE HAUTE'S CONNECTION IN THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN INDIANA

A Brown Bag Presentation Celebrating
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
February 18, 1999

Sponsored by the Vigo County Public Library,
Friends of Historic Allen Chapel & Downtown Business Assoc.



The Anvil Poem

*Last eve I passed a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil sing the vesper chime,
Then looking in I saw lying prostrate on the floor,
Old hammers worn by blasting years of time.*

*How many anvils have you had said I,
To wear and batter those hammers so?
Just one, said he with a twinkle in his eye,
The anvil wears the hammer out you know.*

*And so I thought, the anvil of God's word,
For many years skeptic blows have beat upon
And though the noise of falling blows were heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers are gone.*

First known as the African Church, the Allen Chapel A.M.E. church in Terre Haute was founded by William Paul Quinn in 1837 in a small frame building at 717 S. First Street. Rev. Quinn, later named a bishop of the denomination, and charter members Jethro, Polly and Nelson Bass and William and Mary Johnson and members of the Lost Creek settlement made up the congregation. The church, along with the Lost Creek settlement, were major stops on the Underground Railroad for those slaves using the nearby Wabash River from Evansville and Vincennes to find their way to freedom further North to Lafayette and South Bend and on to Michigan and Canada.

In May 1842 the church hosted the Indiana A.M.E. state convention, which denoted the esteem in which the church was held.

Allen Chapel had gained a prominent reputation for its school, the first subscription school for African-Americans in the Midwest. Founded by Rev. Hiram Revels because African-Americans were not allowed to attend school with Whites, Allen Chapel School served as their only educational opportunity until a public school was opened in 1869. Parents paid 25 cents a week per child for their children to attend. Zachariah Anderson, trustee of the church, was the first African-American teacher. Rev. Revels later gained fame as the first African-American elected to the United States Senate (from the state of Mississippi) in 1870. It was ironic that the seat he took was that of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy.

Attendees and graduates of the school include many African-American firsts:

- James Hinton had studied in Terre Haute to become a physician. He persuaded Indiana Gov. Oliver Morton to form a black Indiana

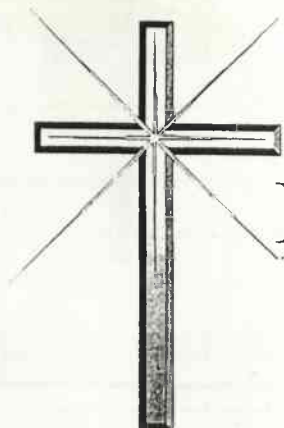
regiment at the beginning of the Civil War and later became a recruiter for the 54th & 55th Massachusetts Regiments (made famous in the movie "Glory"). In 1872 he was the only African-American trustee of the Wabash and Erie Canal and eventually served as its president. In 1881 he was elected the first African-American to serve in the Indiana legislature.

- Matthew Townsend was a former pastor of Allen Chapel and became the second African-American to serve in the Indiana legislature.
- Pinckney Benton Stewart, (commonly known as P.B.S. Pinchback), was considered a fugitive slave although his father, a white plantation owner, had given his mother and siblings their freedom. Rather than face the possibility of returning to slavery after his father's death, Stewart ran. His life in Terre Haute is relatively unknown, but the teen supposedly enrolled in the school while working at a local hotel. Disappearing from the Midwest in 1861, he resurfaced at the end of the Civil War in Louisiana where he went on to be elected the first governor of the state in 1872.
- Charlotte Blake, first to graduate from high school in Terre Haute in 1880.

Another reported member of the congregation, Edward James Roye, lived in Terre Haute until 1845. Ambitious, educated and moderately wealthy, Roye inherited 640 acres of land in Vandalia, Illinois, and other pieces of property from his father. In 1845 he sold everything and left the United States with the American Colonization Society, which was formed to transport free African-Americans back to West Africa. He became a prominent merchant and legislator in Liberia and was later elected to be Liberia's fifth president in 1870. But in 1871 Roye was deposed by an armed coup d'etat. The actual details of his death remain a mystery and source of Liberian legends.

Famed abolitionist and anti-slavery advocate Fredric Douglass came to Terre Haute twice in 1868 to speak and help raise funds to build a new building for the church. For the price of 50 and 25 cents, trainloads came to Hulman Park to hear the great orator. Finally constructed in 1870 at Third and Crawford Sts., for many years it was the only church for African-Americans in the city. It continued to serve former slaves fleeing the South during Reconstruction after the Civil War by providing housing for them until they were able to relocate.

In 1913 during the worst tornado in Vigo County history, lightning struck the church and it burned. On many of the pews you can still see



Lost Creek Baptist Church

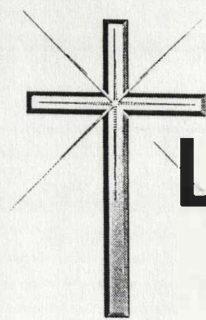
1850 - 2002



7018 E. Old Ft. Harrison Rd.
Terre Haute IN 47805-9761 877-1306
Rev. Thomas Wood, Pastor



100TH ANNIVERSARY - LOST CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, TERRE HAUTE, IN - JUNE 18TH, 1950



The History of Lost Creek Baptist Church

When the Lost Creek pioneers left their homes in Chatham and Wake Counties in North Carolina between 1826 and 1831 to establish new residences in Lost Creek Township in Vigo County, Indiana, they may have had plans for conducting their religious life. Information has not been found regarding the types of religious services or activities they engaged in enroute to Indiana or if services were conducted at the families' homes prior to the erection of their first building which served as a church and a school. Historical accounts vary as to the date that building was erected. Most sources have reported that the building was built in 1832 and served as a church for members of the Methodist, Missionary Baptist, and Hard-Shell Baptist faiths. This log structure was located on the northwest corner of the intersection of the Fort Harrison and Stop Ten Roads—now known as East Old Fort Harrison Avenue and North Hunt Street.

After the founding of the Lost Creek African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop Paul Quinn in 1840, the Methodists constructed a log building on the northeast corner at the intersection of the Stop Ten and Crawford Stewart Roads—now known as North Hunt Street and Debney Avenue.

The two Baptist denominations continued to utilize the building, which they had used since 1832. In January 1850, the Reverend Lewis Artis organized these two memberships into the new United Baptist Society of Lost Creek. It is reported that there were difficulties at the time of organization because of steadfast beliefs in their own denominations that were held by some of the members.

It is not known when the name was changed to the Lost Creek Baptist Church. The April 24, 1863, deed shows that Dixon Stewart, Sr. and his wife, Lucinda Roberts Stewart, received fifteen dollars from the trustees of the United Baptist Society of Lost Creek for the site for the present building. The trustees were George Evans, Heseiah Roberts, and George Anderson. The date of the erection of the first building at the present site is unknown, but it is known that the frame building was destroyed by fire in 1869 and replaced with the current building the same year.

The Reverend Lewis Artis served as pastor for the first twenty-two years—from 1850-1872.

A July 25, 1870, record contains the list of the six classes of the Baptist Sabbath School. They were Ladies Testament Class, Bible Class, No. 1 Ladies Primary, Gents Testament Class, No. 2 Ladies primary, and Gents Primary. Jesse Artis was the Superintendent, and Sarah Jane Anderson was the Assistant Superintendent. The teachers were Malachi C. Anderson, Sarah Jane Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Jesse

Artis, and Mary Leonard. Others in attendance included E. Green, James Anderson, G. W. Glover, Enoch Anderson, Zachariah Roberts, Levi Evans, Thomas J. Anderson, Dixon Stewart, Edward Sooney, Jacob Roberts, Samuel Walker, George Poston, James Poston, Meikel Bass, William Anderson, Tillie Green, Isabell Glover, Serneat Walden, Henrietta Leonard, Anna Anderson, Dortha Roberts, Josephine Stewart, Elizzey Smith, Mary Batton, Meggy Poston, Elizzie Anderson, and Martha Walden. The lessons were read from the Bible.

The only 1871 record of the Baptist Sabbath School is an account of money received for May, June, and August with a balance of \$51.65. The minutes of the July 19, 1872, meeting states that a picnic was to be held on August 15th at the same place it was held in 1871, but there is no record of where it was held. The Chairman, Rev. George Anderson, was to appoint speakers. W. H. Anderson was the Secretary. Issues concerning the community were discussed and voted upon after church services. The minutes weren't written every Sunday. The minutes of October 27, 1872, stated that a motion was passed to adjourn until the first Sunday in May 1873. Malachi C. Anderson was the Superintendent.

For a number of years the Sabbath School was held only during summer months. The first meeting of the year was held on the first Sunday of May. At that time there was an election of officers for the years. To celebrate the Sabbath School's Anniversary, a program was given in May for several years.

The second pastor was the Rev. William Hardin Anderson, who served for two years – 1872-1874.

On May 5, 1873, the Sabbath School officers were: Malachi C. Anderson Superintendent; Caroline Anderson, Assistant Superintendent; George W. Glover, Teacher of the Bible Class; Sarah Boone, Testament Class Teacher of the Gents; Jesse Artis, Testament Class teacher of the Ladies; Martha Lindley, Secretary; G. P. Anderson, Assistant Secretary; Nancy Anderson, Librarian; Tillie Green, Assistant Librarian; and Jesse Artis, Treasurer. The Superintendent was authorized to appoint the primary teacher. No record of attendance was written during this period.

Rev. George Anderson, who was one of the three first trustees, served as pastor from 1874 until 1879. During his pastorate, the flat ceiling was removed, and the arched ceiling was added.

During 1874 and 1875, Malachi C. Anderson served as Superintendent, and several faithful workers carried on the responsibilities of the Sabbath School. On August 21, 1875, the Fifth Anniversary of the Sunday School Convention of the Indiana Baptist Association convened at the Lost Creek Baptist Church. Conrad Burley, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A collection of ninety-eight cents was taken to purchase "Lesson Leafs" on May 14, 1876. This was the first mention of Sabbath School materials. At this meeting the Superintendent asked the scholars to act as missionaries for the next week and stated that each would receive a card of merit. There were ninety persons present including Malachi Anderson, Superintendent and Sarah E. Anderson, Clerk.

During 1877 and 1878, the Sabbath School attendance varied from fifty to ninety present each Sunday. On July 28, 1878, with sixty-two persons in attendance and Malachi C. Anderson, serving as Superintendent and William F. Anderson as Secretary, the name of the school was changed to Mount Zion Sabbath School. On August 11, 1878, with seventy-one persons present, a motion was passed that Malachi C. Anderson represent the Sabbath School in the convention. A collection of \$1.43 was taken to pay for his expenses as a delegate. On September 29, 1878, a collection was taken to order "school quarterlies". Jesse Artis served as Superintendent. On July 13, 1879, J. L. Stewart read an essay after the lesson and was appointed to read another one the following Sunday. Each Sunday someone was appointed to read an essay. Visitors' names were included in the minutes.

Rev. Malachi C. Anderson became the fourth pastor in 1879 and served in that capacity for forty years. When ill health forced his resignation for one year, Rev. Fletcher served as pastor. After Rev. Malachi C. Anderson resumed the pastorate, the church windows were replaced with arched windows, and the vestibule and bell tower were added. He was the pastor and Sunday School Superintendent at the time of his death in 1920.

The Sabbath School was held in the winter of 1880-1881 for the first time. During the period of 1881 to 1897, Rev. Malachi C. Anderson, Jesse Artis, J. J. Stewart, Peter F. Hamilton, M. M. Tyler, and Seneca W. Tyler served as Superintendent. Those who served as Secretary were C. J. Walden, Arthur Pettiford, H. Stewart, Mary A. Stewart, M. M. Stewart, Ella Flectcher, N. J. Stewart, Frank Alexander, Armeania Stewart, Versa Anderson, Seneca W. Tyler, Emma Artis, Galena Stewart, T. J. Russell, Wesley Hathcock, and Jane Green. When a member of the school died, a resolution was written in the record book, and a copy was sent to the family. Election of officers continued to be held in May.

On April 29, 1894, twenty-one young people met and organized a Bible Union with Rev. Malachi C. Anderson serving as chairman and Armeania Stewart as secretary. It is not known how long the organization remained active.

On December 8, 1897, The Young Peoples Literary Society was organized. Officers elected were Edward Green, President; Wesley Hathcock, Vice-President; Anna Ross, Secretary; Jessie Green, Assistant Secretary; and Frank Ross, Treasurer. Other active members included Mary Ross, Aaron Evans, Rev. Malachi C. Anderson, Silvester Harris, Zachariah Stewart, Lola Green, Blanch Alexander, and Windsor Hathcock. At their meetings they were to discuss timely topics.

In 1900 the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Church was observed with the former pastor, the Rev. William Hardin Anderson, then pastor of the McFarlan Chapel of Evansville, Indiana, as the guest speaker.

In 1900 and 1901 Rev. Malachi C. Anderson was the Sunday School Superintendent and Margaret Roberts

served as Secretary. Mamie Jane Hathecock and Lela Redmon served as Secretary between 1906 and 1908. Between June 1911 and July 1913, officers of the Sunday School included Webber Norton, Christina Anderson, Paul Anderson, Orgie Stewart, and Rev. Malachi C. Anderson. Officers from 1915 to 1920 included Rev. Malachi C. Anderson, Christina Anderson, Paul Anderson, Lucy Anderson, Webber Norton, Orgie Stewart, Arthur Stewart, Ermin Pettiford, Nila Pettiford, Bessie Green, Ema Anderson, and Nellie Redmon. On February 1, 1920, Jessie Cooksey was elected Superintendent, and Nellie Redmon was elected Secretary.

On June 19, 1902, at a meeting of the Young Peoples' Progressive Club, it was decided that the trustees build a bell tower. A committee reported on the amount of money that had been collected for the project. As a part of the meeting, there was a discussion about capital and labor. Additional information about this organization is not available.

It is believed that the Senior Aid Society of Lost Creek Baptist Church was organized between 1900 and 1910 to help support the church's program. The names of the first officers are unknown, but it is known that Mary "Maude" Hathecock served as president and Jane Ross served as secretary for many years beginning sometime between 1900 and 1920. After the passing of Mary "Maude" Hathecock, her daughter, Lucille Hathecock Anderson, served as president for several years and was the last person to hold that office. Other members who served as president were Naomi Harris, Roberta Anderson, Annie Coleman, Flossie Norton, Cinderella Stewart, and Ema Ross. Cecil Phillips served as secretary for many years. Rosie Stewart was the secretary when the society decided to disband. Other active members throughout the years included: Cassie Anderson Stewart, Eugenia Anderson, Matt Anderson, Rebecca Batton, Jessie Cooksey, Samantha Edwards, Anna Ross Goins, Evelyn Hill, Lela Mitchell, Myrtle Norton, Jemima Redmon, Anna Shepard, Augusta Stewart, Opal Stewart, Juliette Stewart, Nellie Tyler, and Patricia Stigall.

One of the Senior Aid's activities was to maintain the appearance of the building and grounds. The members did the cleaning of the building and the painting of the fences and outdoor toilets. When other work, such as wallpapering, was needed, the organization paid for all expenses. To secure the needed funds, the women made aprons and quilts to sell or to use in other fund-raising activities. Nellie Tyler and Beulah Edwards remember their mothers meeting at various members' houses as they pieced the quilt blocks and assembled them. Then the quilting frames were set up at the home of one of the members where the other members gathered to quilt until the quilt was completed. Members who worked as quilters earlier included Jessie Cooksey, Anna Goins, Mary "Maude" Hathecock, Jemima Redmon, Jane Ross, and Anna Shepard. In later years, Nellie Tyler and Lucille Anderson joined the group.

For many years, their quilts were raffled off at one of their biggest activities of the year, which was their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Church. Beulah Edwards remembers that the oyster soup was prepared on top of the two stoves used to heat the Church. Verdell Hathecock remembers walking to the Church with his mother when he was a little boy and watching and waiting as the women sat around the stoves making quilts and aprons.

During the pastorate of the Rev. H. A. King from 1920-1923, the Baptist Young Peoples Union (BYPU) was organized. Minutes of the August 29, 1920, meeting state that the BYPU was organized at 7:30 p.m. with the pastor, Rev. H. A. King presiding. Mr. Stewart, one of the BYPU organizers, made a presentation. The location of the meeting was not given, but the September 12th and September 28th minutes stated that the meetings were held at the church.

Officers elected were Florence Anderson, President; Cyril Harris, Vice-President; Nila Pettiford, Secretary; Opal Stewart, Assistant Secretary; Ralph Harris, Treasurer; Cinderella Hathecock and George Carter, Librarians. Other members were Arthur Anderson, Dr. Bruce Anderson, Lucy Anderson, Paul Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Harry Cooksey, Cora Evans, Myrtle Hill, Webber Norton, Carrie Partridge, Arthur Pettiford, Carl Ross, Arthur Stewart, James Stewart, and Nellie Stewart. Two groups were organized to raise money. Rev. Thomas and Rev. King served as group captains. At the September 5th meeting, the groups were named "Esther" and "St. Paul". Ideal Harris and William Cooksey were nominated as group captains.

Members and associate members who joined in September included Sam Carter, Anna Goins, Lela Redmon, Essie Stewart, Ila Stewart, Mildred Anderson, Oliver Stewart, Morton Lewis, Ermin Pettiford, Clark Anderson, Lucille Hathecock, Christina Waldon, Thomas Waldon, and Mary "Maude" Hathecock. Persons who participated in the later meetings by singing, giving readings, and speaking included Eunice Lewis, Carl Stewart, Ora Lewis, Ema Anderson, and Beulah Ross.

On January 13, 1921, the Young Ladies Congress was organized. They participated in State activities and sent delegates to the State convention. There are no records of the organization after October 16, 1921.

The BYPU met every Sunday evening at the church at 7:00 p.m. until January 30, 1921, when they began the meetings at 6:00 p.m., which enabled them to adjourn at an earlier hour. The meetings began with an opening song followed by a prayer. A roll call often required each one to give a verse of scripture. After the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, they often had another song, a reading, or a brief inspirational presentation before they divided into study groups where they were assigned a teacher. They usually were given a topic for discussion and a scripture to read. The classes' names were listed in the minutes giving the amount of the collection received from each class. The number in attendance was not usually given, but on February 27, 1921, there were thirty-six in attendance. Following the meeting of the classes, the business meeting was held. The union was dismissed with the "Pledge".

At the March 13, 1921, meeting of the BYPU five dollars was withdrawn from the treasury to pay for four dozen new books. At the same meeting Florence Anderson, Nellie King, Bement Anderson, Frank Simpson, Ruth Pettiford, and Naomi Harris were authorized to sell keys to raise money for the purchase of a new organ.

On March 20, 1921, twelve dollars was withdrawn from the treasury to pay for the organ. The April 3, 1921, minutes stated that it was decided that the old organ was to be given to Bement Anderson because he had

raised \$4.50 for the purchase of the new one.

During the April 24, 1921, meeting, action was taken to pay the expenses of Rev. King to attend "the executive board meeting". On May 8, 1921, action was taken to send Ideal Harris, Nellie Redmon, and Joseph Tyler as delegates to the BYPU Convention on May 19th at St. James Church. At that meeting Cyril Harris resigned as Vice-President, and Ila Stewart was elected to serve in that capacity.

The May 29, 1921, minutes reported that action was taken to withdraw ten dollars from the treasury to pay the parsonage rent for June. The speaker at the meeting was Rev. Shoel of Indianapolis. Action was taken at the June 5, 1921, meeting to pay one-half of the expenses for painting the church. Minutes of the August 28, 1921, meeting included the appointment of a "Fair Committee" for September 12th. Those appointed were Kenneth Hathecock, Marvel Redmon, Clydia Waugh, Waneita Ross, and Laurel Hathecock.

Rev. King was a very active minister who enjoyed organizing groups and activities. He originated the idea, planned, and publicized the Church's first Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 18, 1921. To many people in Lost Creek, Terre Haute, and nearby cities, Homecoming Day at the Lost Creek Baptist Church became a very special day. The basket dinners and Sunday afternoon services attracted many people as one of the most popular gatherings of the summer. Since most persons didn't go on vacations in the early and middle 1900's, they made an annual trip back to the area to visit family and friends and to attend the Homecoming dinner and service.

At the October 9, 1921, meeting of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, Florence Anderson, Cinderella Hathecock, Nellie King, and Joseph Tyler were elected as delegates to the Western District Convention at Brazil on October 13th and 14th. Expenses of ten dollars were paid from the treasury; two dollars was not needed and was returned to the treasury at the November 13th meeting.

On January 8, 1922, officers elected were Florence Anderson, President; Ila Stewart, Vice-President; Wiley Jasper, Secretary; Stephen Simpson, Assistant Secretary; Namoi Harris, Treasurer; and Philip Simpson, Librarian. At the May 14, 1922, meeting delegates elected to attend the District Convention were Kenneth Hathecock, Wiley Jasper, and Florence Anderson. Delegates elected to the State Convention were Ila Stewart, Florence Anderson, Edna Hathecock, and the pastor, Rev. H. A. King.

Rev. William M. Dickerson was the pastor from 1923-1924, and Rev. R. M. Dehoney served as pastor from September 1924, until February 1926. A piano was purchased to replace the organ during this period.

On November 29, 1924, the members voted to have a church choir. Officers elected were Paul Anderson, President; Naomi Harris, Secretary; Ideal Simpson, Treasurer; Eva Stewart, Organist; and Mildred Anderson, Director. Rev. R. M. Dehoney served as chairman of the meeting, and Naomi Harris served as secretary.

The minutes of the January 11, 1925, meeting of the Baptist Young Peoples Union stated that the purpose of the meeting was to organize. The pastor, Rev. R. M. Dehoney, presided during the election of officers. Those elected were Mildred Anderson, President; Stephen Simpson, Vice-President; Ruth Pettiford, Secretary; Cora Evans, Treasurer; and Jane Tribble, Assistant Secretary.

In March 1927, the Rev. William M. Dickerson returned as pastor and served until June 1929. It was during this period the church was raised, and the basement was added.

At the July 8, 1928, meeting, the Baptist Young Peoples Union was reorganized with the election of officers, including Paul Anderson, President; Edna Redmon, Secretary; and Naomi Harris, Treasurer.

Between 1921 and 1930, officers of the Sunday School included Opal Stewart, Nellie Tyler, Philip Simpson, Ila Stewart, Nila Pettiford, Beulah Ross, Edna Redmon, Ina Alexander, Myrtle Ross, Lucille Anderson, Rev. Cyril Harris, Paul Anderson, and Mabel Batton.

Rev. Cyril W. Harris served as pastor from April 1930, until his death on December 24, 1933. The first coal furnace was installed during his pastorate.

On February 1, 1931, the first Women's Day program was held with Roberta Anderson serving as chairman. The first Men's Day program was presented February 8, 1931, with Webber Norton serving as program chairman. In the following years, these two programs were held on various Sundays in February, March, April, May, and June. In 1962, the Men's Day program was held the first Sunday of April and the Women's Day program was presented on the first Sunday of May. Since that time, both programs have continued to be held on an alternating basis on the first Sunday of April and May.

During the January 15, 1933, meeting of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, election of officers included Beulah Ross, President; Benjamin Stewart, Vice-President; Henrietta Shepard, Treasurer; and Clara Anderson, Recording Secretary.

From April 1, 1934, until August 30, 1936, Rev. Louis Byron Russell served as pastor. The Church was painted again during this period.

On April 25, 1937, Rev. H. C. Franklin of Brazil, Indiana, became pastor and served in that capacity until his death in April 1942. During this period, electric lighting fixtures were installed to replace the old gaslights.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union was still active in 1939 and 1940. Officers elected on October 1, 1939, included Ervin Harris, President; Revella Anderson, Vice-President; Freida Edwards, Secretary; Helen Love, Assistant Secretary; and Leoma Anderson, Treasurer. At the November 24, 1940, meeting, Ervin Harris

served as President and Freida Edwards as Secretary. Forty-four persons were in attendance, and sixty-four cents was received in the collection.

On March 1, 1942, the First Annual Fellowship Day was initiated by Ernest Anderson, Sr., a deacon at the time, as a way to get the congregation and friends involved in a church activity as the winter season was nearing the end. Since many persons did not attend church activities during the winter months, he thought they would welcome a Sunday afternoon Fellowship Service as a way to celebrate the arrival of warmer weather.

Rev. Cassius M. C. Hammond served as pastor from August 14, 1942, until his farewell sermon on December 28, 1952. During his pastorate, the Lost Creek Bible Class was organized. Physical improvements to the church during this period included new wallpaper, carpet, pulpit furniture, pews, and furnace. Rev. Morris Blade served as Assistant Pastor during part of this period.

The Lost Creek Junior Aid Society was organized in January of 1944 with the help of Roberta Anderson who was president of the Lost Creek Senior Aid Society at that time. The organization supported the church activities in many ways. Its members assisted the Senior Aid Society in the annual cleaning of the church and the maintenance of the church grounds. For a number of years it sponsored an annual Family Day Program on the first Sunday of November. On February 19, 1977, its membership voted to donate \$250.00 toward the purchase of the Church's new furnace.

Its first president was Edna Redmon. Other members who served as president included Omev Ross, Helen Bullard, and Beulah Edwards. Other members included Ruby Batton, Henrietta Gardner, Hazel Greer, Jessie Greer, Mary Greer, Marvel Harper, Helen Hill, Betty Manuel, Mae Mitchell, Alberta Norton, Dorothy Redmon, Jeannette Stewart, Delphia Reliford, Cynthia Shepard, Merle Shepard, Clementina Stewart, Barbara Ross, and Nola Wilford.

On June 18, 1950, the One Hundredth Church Anniversary was celebrated with the Rev. Harvey E. Walden, a former member of the church and then pastor of Grant Memorial A. M. E. Church, Chicago, Illinois, as the guest speaker. A One Hundredth Anniversary Booklet was prepared and distributed and a dinner with many in attendance preceded the afternoon service. Attendance at this service included many former members and visitors from surrounding areas and many cities across the country.

Sunday School Superintendents between 1920 and 1950 included Opal Stewart, Ila Stewart, Cyril Harris, Paul Anderson, Ernest Anderson, Sr., Cecil Phillips, Leoma Anderson, Roberta Anderson, and Flossie Norton. The traditional Sunday School picnic was always enjoyed. Other activities included Easter and Christmas Programs put on by the members and the distribution of the annual Christmas treats at the end of the Christmas Program.

On April 10, 1953, Rev. Earl Nevels of Terre Haute became pastor.

The Sunday School sponsored its first Harvest Day Program on October 25, 1953, with W. B. Coleman serving as chairman. For a number of years, this continued to be an annual service.

In 1955, the stained glass windows were installed, and asbestos siding was applied to the exterior walls of the church building.

After the resignation of Rev. Earl Nevels on June 30, 1957, Rev. Ernest Stewart, Assistant Pastor, served as the interim pastor until Rev. Lester O. Lapsley of Indianapolis, Indiana, was named pastor on November 18, 1960. A new piano was purchased in 1958. Rev. Stewart continued to serve as Assistant Pastor until his death on May 16, 1970. Physical improvements to the church in November 1960 included the addition of the south entrance, the installation of running water in the kitchen in the basement, and the outdoor drinking fountain on the west side of the building. In the spring of 1970, a social room and kitchen were added to the upper level of the building. At that time the vestibule was remodeled; the sanctuary was redecorated; and the east entrance was remodeled with new steps. A wrought iron railing, a Hathecock Family Memorial was installed with a memorial plaque "In Memory of Wesley and Mary Hathecock". Following the completion of these improvements, a Dedication Service was held on May 30, 1970. A baptismal pool was built in the basement in 1972.

On April 29, 1972, at 6:00 p.m., the Youth Aid Society was organized at the home of Beulah Edwards. Those in attendance included nine young women and six members of the Junior Aid Society. Officers elected were Laverne Reliford, President; Lynn Skaggs, Vice-President; Holly Hill, Secretary; Angela Shepard, Assistant Secretary; and Peggy Walden, Treasurer. Other members of the organization were Vanessa Anderson, Fran Hill, Jane Shepard, Linda Walden, and Vivian Walden. Carla Manuel and Marjorie Reliford joined later. The organization decided to disband on March 2, 1974, because of poor attendance.

The Lost Creek Baptist Church Missionary Society was organized on January 21, 1973, with Marguerite Lapsley as president. Jean Gordon later served as president; Jessie Wood is the current president. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month immediately following the morning service. Beulah Edwards, Marguerite Lapsley, and Geneva Ross have served as teachers. Nola Wilford has served as treasurer since its beginning. Projects have included monthly donations to the Light House Mission, donations to the sick, get-well and sympathy cards to members and friends, visits to the Light House Mission and nursing homes, gifts to the residents of nursing homes, and donations to persons in need.

In 1976, a new oil furnace was installed. Insulation was added to the original building in 1977, and a new well was drilled. The social room and kitchen were insulated and paneled in 1978, and new roofing was applied. The restrooms were completed with a ladies' room on the main level and a men's room in the basement in 1980.

At the March 19, 1983, meeting of the Junior Aid, it was decided to disband. Beulah Edwards was the President

at that time. The Senior Aid made the same decision that year. The two organizations combined their treasurers to pay for their final project, the wallpapering of the Church Sanctuary. A new communion table and an offering table were also purchased in 1983.

In memory of their parents, Clyde and Ema Ross, Dorothy and Geneva Ross donated the evergreens planted on the south side of the Church in 1986.

When an air conditioner installed in 1988 was stolen shortly after its installation, it was replaced as a gift from a former member, Dr. James Whitfield, in 1989. During the same year, the east outside entrance steps and landing were carpeted, and the pews were cushioned. In 1990, a canopy was installed over the main entrance, and an altar set was purchased with funds donated by Roberta and Ernest Anderson, Sr.

Rev. Lester O. Lapsley retired as pastor because of failing health on June 21, 1992, after having served in that capacity since November 1960. Improvements to the building in 1992 included the removal of the old chimney, re-enforcement of the roof, and installation of new roofing. In 1993, a new oil furnace and a humidifier were installed.

After searching for a new minister since the resignation of Rev. Lapsley, Rev. Harry L. Gordon, Sr. was installed as pastor on February 27, 1994, and served in that capacity until October 27, 1996.

On June 15, 1994, a sign was erected with the wording "Lost Creek Baptist Church, Founded 1850", on the south side of the church driveway.

In 1995, a telephone was installed in the social room, and the ceiling light fixtures in the Church Sanctuary were lowered to provide for more convenient maintenance.

The search for a new pastor ended on August 17, 1997, when Rev. Thomas R. Wood of Reelsville, Indiana, was selected. His official installation was held on November 16, 1997.

During 1998 several improvements were made on the building and grounds. A rock retention wall was constructed on the hill in front of the church, and the parking lot was blacktopped. A new concrete walkway from the parking lot to the church was installed. Vinyl siding was applied on the wall around the outdoor toilets, and the fence was painted. Following the installation of all new electrical wiring, a public address system, six ceiling light fixtures, a ceiling fan, and an "EXIT" light over the south door were installed. New wallpaper was applied, and the floor of the Sanctuary was refinished. A cross, which was made by Rev. Wood, was hung on the wall behind the pulpit.

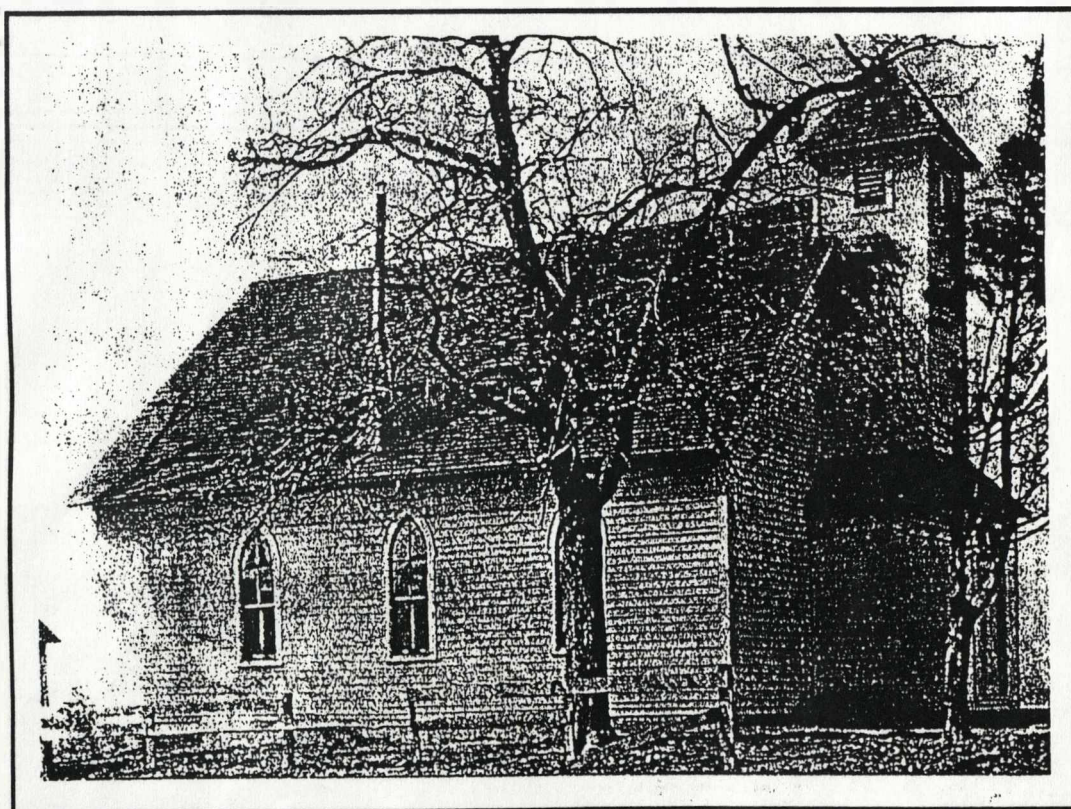
Between 1950 and 2000, the Mt. Zion Sunday School remained active with varying attendance. Superintendents included Flossie Norton, Lucille Anderson, Dorothy Redmon, Adam Greene, Omev Ross, Patricia Stigall,

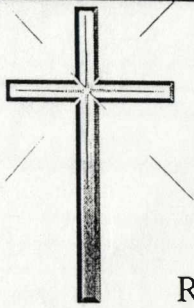
and Jessie Wood, who is currently serving in that capacity. The Sunday School Picnic is still held in July. At the Sunday School Christmas Program all persons in attendance are still given the traditional treat which consists of fruit, candy, and nuts.

In February 2000, a Lowery organ was received as a gift from former member Fran Hill. Eighteen light oak chairs were purchased in April 2000 to replace the old chairs which had been used by the choir for many years.

Most of this information was obtained from the Church record books which are available at the Church.

Written by Geneva A. Ross





Pastors

Rev. Lewis Artis	1850 - 1872
Rev. William Hardin Anderson	1872 - 1874
Rev. George Anderson	1874 - 1879
Rev. Malachi C. Anderson	1879 - 1918
Rev. Fletcher	1918 - 1919
Rev. Malachi C. Anderson	1919 - 1920
Rev. H. A. King	1920 - 1923
Rev. William M. Dickerson	1923 - 1924
Rev. R. M. Dehoney	1924 - 1926
Rev. William M. Dickerson	1927 - 1929
Rev. Cyril W. Harris	1930 - 1933
Rev. Louis Byron Russell	1934 - 1936
Rev. H. C. Franklin	1937 - 1942
Rev. Cassius M. C. Hammond	1942 - 1952
Rev. Earl Nevels	1953 - 1957
Rev. Ernest Stewart, Interim	1957 - 1960
Rev. Lester O. Lapsley	1960 - 1992
Rev. Harry L. Gordon	1994 - 1996
Rev. Thomas R. Wood	1997 - Present

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

14 th & Oak Streets

REV. CLEYTUS D. MALONE, PASTOR



1871

2002

FROM 1871 TO PRESENT, 16 MEN OF GOD SERVED AS PASTOR OF
SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Hardin Anderson
Rev. Stephen Clay
Rev. Bluford Hillman
Rev. Henry Snowden
Rev. C.M.C. Hammond
Rev. William Dickerson
Rev. Clarence McFadden
Rev. W. W. Moore

Rev. B. N. Murrell
Rev. Thelma Herring
Rev. B. C. Winchester
Rev. Mack T. Williams
Rev. J. T. Highbaugh (Interim)
Rev. B. T. Almon
Rev. Noel E. Hord
Rev. Cleytus D. Malone, Present

HISTORY

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Terre Haute, Indiana, 1871 to 1971

Five years after the great war between the States had ended, during the early years of the reconstruction, there was evidence, in all sections of our country, of sincere efforts to bind up the wounds of our nation. No where was this evidence more convincing than in the missionary zeal of the Baptist Church. Indiana was one of the states fostering such work, and men like the late Richard Bassett and Lewis Artis were at the vanguard of the movement. Under the guiding spirit of the State Missionary, Rev. Lewis Artis, the first black Baptist Church of Terre Haute was organized. In the year 1871 at 28 Second Street, the Third Baptist Church was organized. The first leader of this small group was Reverend Hardin Anderson. The first deacons were M. P. Bragg, Willis Wade, Alfred Thomas, John Waller, W. M. Jackson, Silas Jones, and A. C. Corthen. After a short period, the church moved from the Second Street site to 15th Street near Wabash Avenue. Pressed by the need for a better location, a lot was purchased at 7th and Deming Streets, and a building was erected. This building also proved inadequate; therefore, the present site was secured by Rev. Stephen Clay, the successor to Rev. Hardin Anderson. Rev. Clay purchased the lot and building, which had been used as a meat market, for the sum of \$1,600.00. It was at this site and during this period that the organization adopted the name of the Second Missionary Baptist Church, a name that had been reserved originally by the First Baptist Church for their missionary expansion. The existing structure was renovated and served as a house of worship until the congregation was able to construct a more suitable building, which was completed under the pastorate of Rev. Clay. Rev. Clay, who resigned to accept another pastorate, was succeeded by Rev. Bluford Hillman. Under Rev. Hillman's pastorate, the church grew numerically and spiritually. The Church plant was remodeled. Rev. Hillman served as pastor for fifteen years before resigning to accept the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Lincoln, Nebraska. Rev. Hillman was succeeded by Rev. Henry Snowden who served the Church for three years. Rev. C. M. C. Hammond followed Rev. Snowden and renovated the parsonage before leaving to organize the Calvary Baptist Church at 13½ and College Streets. Rev. Wm. Dickerson succeeded Rev. Hammond and had served but a few months before the church building was completely destroyed by fire. It was during this crisis that the devotion, loyalty and sacrifice of the membership manifested itself making possible the completion of a rebuilding program that took but 8 months. On the third Sunday of November 1916, a grateful congregation received the keys to the present church building from the contractor and chief engineer, Mr. David Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins was a member of the church and a local contractor of note. Under his skillful direction and with much volunteer labor from the members, the cost of rebuilding was held to a minimal cost of about \$8,00.00. It was during this period

CHURCH HISTORY

that seven men of the Church co-signed a mortgage, making possible the funds needed for this worthy project.

Under a financial committee headed by the late Bunie Porter, the funds were raised and the mortgage burned in the brief span of three years. At the time of the mortgage burning, Rev. Hillman was serving his second term as pastor of the Church. Rev. Dickerson had resigned to organize the St. Paul Baptist Church at Second and Farrington Streets. Although his second term as pastor was short, and that marked with illness, Rev. Hillman's service as pastor is still remembered by a few survivors who are yet with us and remember him affectionately as Foddy Hillman, a name coined by his devoted and beloved wife.

With the passing of Rev. Hillman, the church called a young man, Rev. Clarence E. McFadden, who was in his last year in school. He pastored the church for 8 years, during which time the pledge and envelope system was introduced. The same financial system is still in use today. Rev. McFadden related well to the young people and drew many students from the local campus.

Rev. W. W. Moore followed Rev. McFadden as pastor. He served as pastor but one year, during which time the Women's Auxiliary was formed. This auxiliary was comprised of the following clubs: Sewing Circle, Sunshine Club, and Missionary Society consisting of Group 1 and Group 2. Mrs. Anna Ashworth, a pioneer member, served as its first president. She served a term of one year. Mrs. Sarah A. Cabell succeeded her and served for six years. During this time, the Sunbeam Club and Girls Guild were added to the Auxiliary.

Dr. Moore accepted a church on the West Coast and was succeeded by Rev. B. N. Murrell. Dr. Murrell rallied all forces to the retirement of a \$1,000.00 indebtedness. This during the "depression years" was no easy task, yet the church raised more than enough to pay off this indebtedness. After two years of a successful pastorate, Rev. Murrell resigned to accept a larger field in Illinois.

Rev. Thelma Herring served as supply pastor for more than two years. Upon Rev. Herring's resignation, Rev. B. C. Winchester was called by the church and served until his death November 19, 1947. Rev. Winchester's tenure of office was 13 years. During the early part of his pastorate, a few of the pioneer members were still living. Mrs. Alice Bragg, Mrs. Eliza Washington, Rev. John W. Brown and Mr. Frank H. Smith, the first Sunday School superintendent, were still active despite long years of faithful service. Rev. Winchester was recognized in this city by both black and white as a gifted preacher and outstanding leader. His reputation for preaching was recognized throughout our State's Convention of Churches and in other states.

CHURCH HISTORY

June 24, 1948, the Rev. Mack T. Williams accepted the call to be pastor. During his pastorate the present Hammond organ was purchased at a cost of \$2,248.00. Rev. Williams was a scholarly man much in demand in different areas of our nation as a public speaker. He served as chaplain at Prairie View College in Texas and had preached in or pastored some of our leading churches in the nation. Rev. Williams' service as pastor ended March 4, 1949.

From May 5, 1949, until October Rev. J. T. Highbaugh, the State Missionary, served the church until a regular pastor could be secured. On October 7, 1949, Rev. B. T. Almon was called. He served until January of 1952.

On September 10, 1952, Rev. Noel E. Hord was extended the call to pastor our church. At the time he was pastoring the Second Baptist Church of Shelbyville which he had served for five years. He preached his first sermon as pastor on the first Sunday of November, 1952. This centennial celebration marks the beginning of his twentieth year of pastor.

Some projects with dates are herewith noted:

On April 24, 1955, the upper sanctuary was rededicated. For that occasion the entire church had been redecorated, floors refinished, areas carpeted, and new pews installed. The Sunday School under the leadership of Mrs. Nila Manuel and Class #8 gave a new piano. The Evans' family gave a new pulpit and communion table in memory of Mrs. Grace Wilson Evans and Mr. Fred Evans. Mrs. Bonnie Harvey was responsible for the refurbishing of the pulpit chairs.

August 1958 the old parsonage was razed and the present parsonage completed in December of the same year. The mortgage for this project was burned four years later.

In 1964 the new addition to the church was completed expanding the lower auditorium facilities. The mortgage for this was burned February 25, 1968.

In 1967 a P.A. system was completed under the chairmanship of Deacon Ernest Anderson.

In 1969 new front doors were installed under Trustee Earl Hucle's supervision. A carport, new baptistery and exterior renovation of the church was completed.

Two impressive bulletin boards have been given to the church by the Senior Missionary Society. The first was donated in 1955 under the leadership of Mrs. Dovie Benton. The present one was given during the presidency of Mrs. Roberta Anderson in 1970.

WE REMEMBER

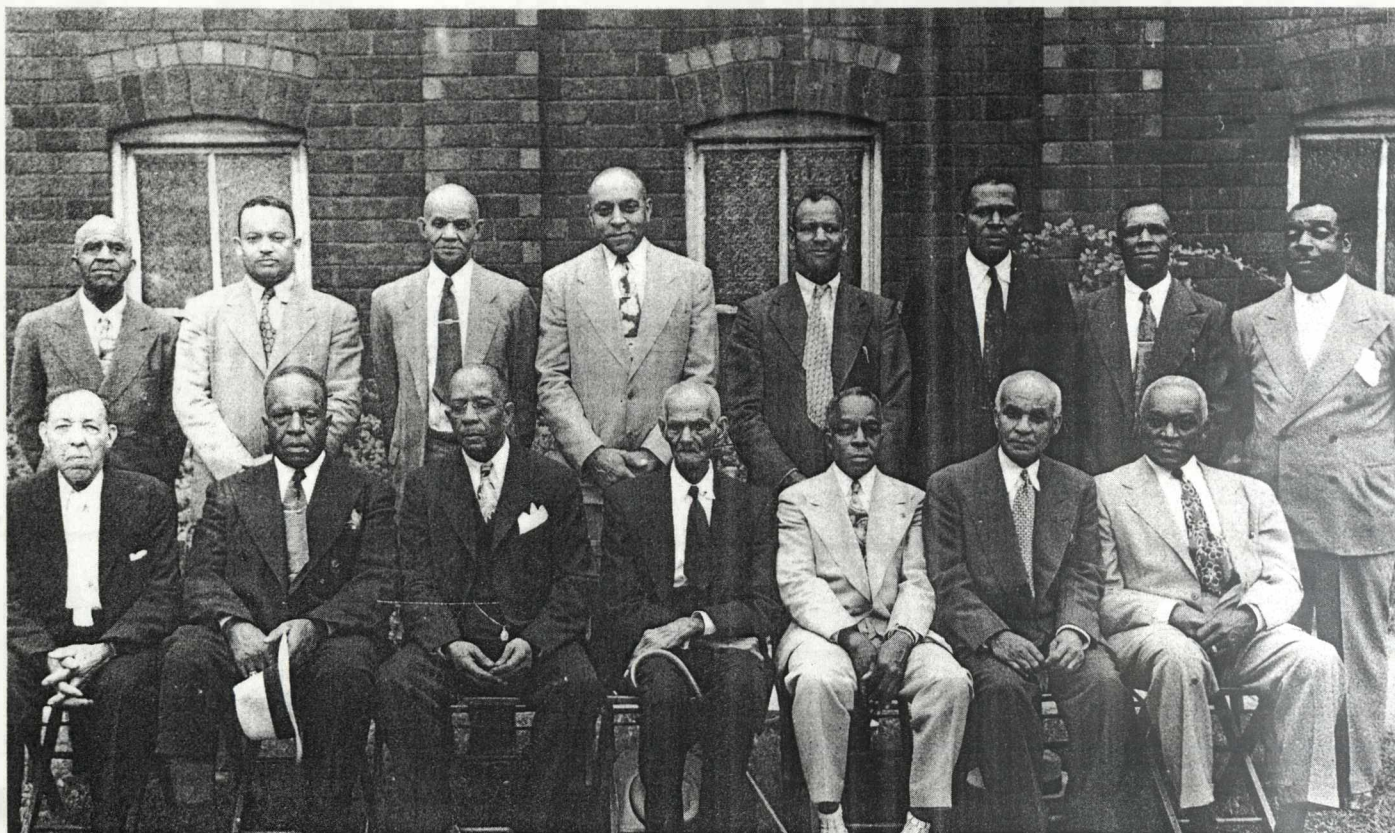


SUNDAY SCHOOL 1942



EASTER 1942

WE REMEMBER



OFFICIAL FAMILY 1948



SENIOR CHOIR 1948

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church History 1971 , 2001

After Twenty-six and one-half years as Pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church, on April 11, 1979, Rev. Noel E. Hord resigned. He preached his farewell sermon May 3, 1979.

Rev. Cleytus D. Malone served as interim pastor from August 29, 1979, until he was officially voted in as full-time minister on October 2, 1979. Rev. Malone is the sixteenth minister who has served as pastor during this one hundred and twenty years.

Our first pastor's anniversary was built around the theme "Our New Era Begun". Our new motto is "The Church Where Each Worship Is an Experience with God." Numerically, our membership has increased. At the end of six years under Rev. Malone, we had taken in sixty new members. We have prospered both spiritually and financially.

In 1983, for the first time in church history, two women were added to the Trustee Board, Alfreda Buckner and Theressa Bynum. Later La Rosa Pate was added.

The fall revivals are an on—going refueling experience. Rev. J. W. Williams, Dr. William E. Dennis and Rev. R. L. White have conducted revivals.

The Pastor, choir and congregation have traveled to many parts of Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, spreading the gospel and adding to the spiritual harvest in fellowship with others.

The Missionary Ladies are very active and hold to the Christian principle of giving of themselves to others. The benevolence work continues to aid others in their misfortune and in financial crisis. They sponsor fall clothes give aways, instrumental in helping in Haiti and other foreign mission fields.

Second Baptist Church plays and integral role in our community. It has hosted the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observances; the Masonic St. John's Day and the Eastern Star Christmas Program. In 1985, we became a life-member of the NAACP. Our 113th Homecoming Observance was held July 27-29, 1984. It is a member of the Federation of Churches and Food Co-op and donates to the Light House Mission quarterly.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

1400 Oak St.
Terre Haute, IN

The congregation supports the assembling of us together for fellowship dinners, picnics, rallies, and public worship and sports activities. We have a growing Sunday School and a well-attended Vacation Bible School. B.T.U. will reconvene this fall.

In 1988, Deacon Ernest Anderson initiated a memorial plaque with gold plates of eighty names. At this writing, there is no listing of the deceased member since 1971.

Improvements and other points of interest include the Sunday School has purchased new furniture, new sound equipment in January 1990, choir robes in 1988, new fence in 1990, new organ and piano, beautiful usher apparel and lovely chimes and produces and informative newsletter. All of which add to the aesthetic value of the church service.

A new sound system and equipment, a piano, an organ, and chimes were all purchased in 1990. The baptismal was moved upstairs when the Pastor's study was added. Construction began on the building addition in early 1997 at the proposed cost of \$187,278.91. The dedication for the new addition, which included new classroom, the library and the elevator, was in 1997. This indebtedness was completed in 2001 and the mortgage was burned November 11, 2001 at the church's 130th Anniversary. Second Missionary Baptist Church now has a paved parking lot, a place where the physically challenged can get from their cars with out steps, a place where a car can come under a covering so the rain or snow cannot hinder someone from coming to church service.

These words were spoken at the 130th Church Anniversary. One hundred-thirty years of history. I have given many dates because it is easy to record the when and what. But more important is who, how and why. There is much that has happened on this corner and that is the real reason we have this history. The people who believed with all of their hearts and souls that God will provide. Even those who had doubts came inside and found God's truth are all a part of this history.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST !

Saulter's United Methodist Church
1229 S. 12th St.
Terre Haute IN 47802 No Phone
Rev. Michael Nowlin, Pastor



1879 2002

A Brief History

OF SAULTERS METHODIST CHURCH

Saulters Methodist Church was organized in October, 1879 by Reverend L. Brandon, a local preacher, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Odom on South 13th Street. The trustees appointed were as follows: Albert Saulters, John Edwards, and Albert Odom. The stewards were Alex Weeden, Maggie Taylor, Nancy Odom, Letha Edwards, and Sarah Ridgely.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammons, the presiding elder, suggested that the Church be named "Saulters" in honor of Albert



FIRST SAULTERS METHODIST CHURCH



ALBERT SAULTERS

Saulters, the then oldest member of the newly founded Church.

The first Church building was erected on the southwest corner of 13½ and Franklin streets in 1883, under the leadership of Reverend Fred White.

In 1895 this small building was moved across the street and remodeled. This was done under the ministry of Reverend C. H. Taylor.

In the spring of 1895, the Lexington Annual Conference was held in this building, Bishop C. H. Fowler presiding. The pastor was Reverend F. D. Breckenridge and Reverend E. L. Gilliam was the presiding elder. This building was replaced by a new structure in 1909. Reverend J. L. Franklin was serving as the pastor and Reverend D. E. Skelton the presiding elder. Reverend Robert Skelton was instrumental in building the present parsonage in 1925 when he was the pastor of Saulters.

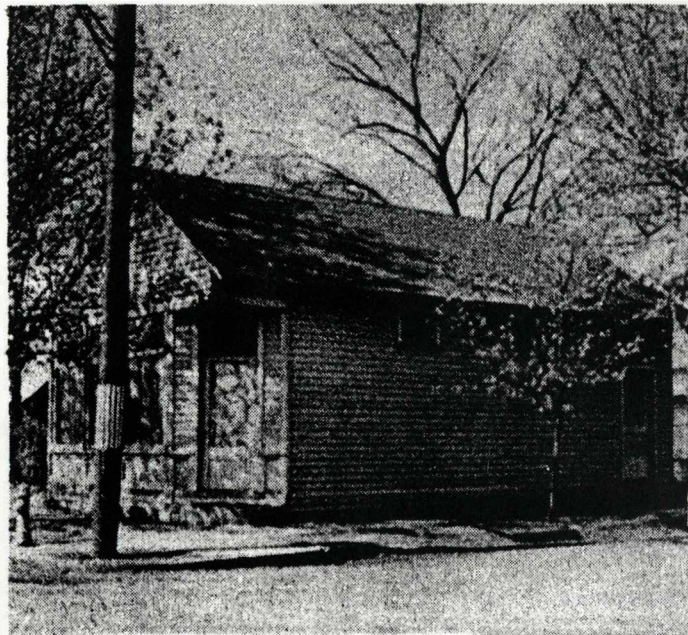
Reverend M. L. J. Bellinger was appointed pastor in June 1951 by Bishop Edward W. Kelly. Dr. S. B. Lester was the District Superintendent at this time. Saulters was destroyed by fire of an undetermined origin in December 1951, only six months after Reverend Bellinger took charge of the church. The congregation worshipped in the parsonage for two years before renting a little building which was formerly used as a barber shop.

This struggling group of faithful Christians have been working, hoping, and praying the last six years to attain their former standing in this community as faithful Methodists. Bishop M. W. Clair, Jr., of the St. Louis Area, of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, appointed Reverend J. C. Williams, who was serving at New Castle, Indiana, to Saulters Methodist Church to make an effort to rebuild both the congregation and the physical plant. This was made possible by the encouragement and support of the District Superintendents of the Greencastle, Crawfordsville, and the Lafayette Districts of the Northwest Indiana Conference. Reverend and Mrs. Williams and their family of five children arrived in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1957. Dr. D. M. Jordan serving as the District Superintendent.

Pertinent Problems

The inadequacy of the present place of worship makes it difficult to attract many young people to our Church School, which in our opinion is well organized under the Commission on Education. Our Sunday School has both the primary, Junior, and the Adult departments in the same little room which is also used as the place of worship.

PRESENT PLACE OF WORSHIP



The present group of faithful members find it difficult to keep up with many obligations because of the prevailing uncertainties, so it is most urgent and of greatest importance that the plans for building get under way, at least as a symbol of the hope they need so badly.

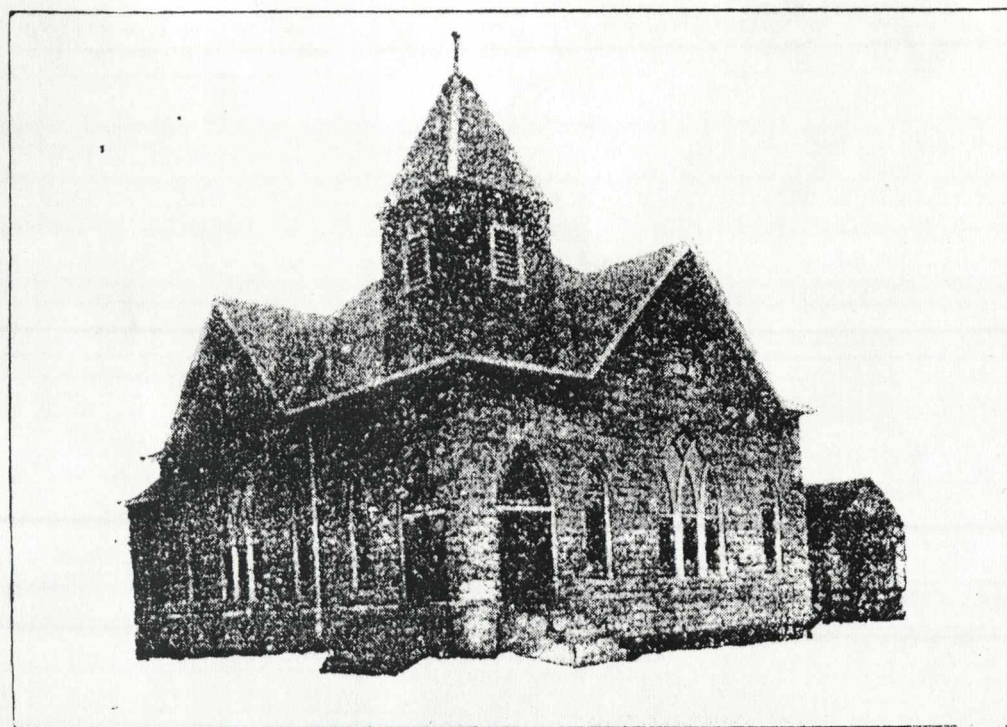
Pictured here you will find the group chosen to head up the new building program.

The congregation has decreased in active membership over 70% since the Church was destroyed in 1951. Many delays, disappointments, and other discouragements made many feel that the Church would never be rebuilt, therefore, many have joined other Churches or just stopped attending Church.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert Jackson Winton D. Jones
Nellie Caldwell May Worrell Glenna Goins



The Church That Burned

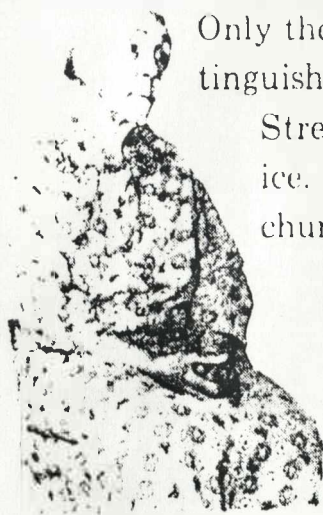
(Story in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star, December 18, 1951)

\$60,000 FIRE HITS SAULTERS METHODIST CHURCH

A fire, attributed to an overheated furnace, early yesterday gutted the Saulters Methodist Church. When firemen arrived flames were shooting through the roof and the entire building was in a mass of flames. Only the walls and steeple remained after the flames had been extinguished. Firemen battled the flames in near-zero weather.

Streets and sidewalks were covered with several inches of ice. The fire was extinguished at dawn. The interior of the church was a mass of timber, furniture and charred wood.

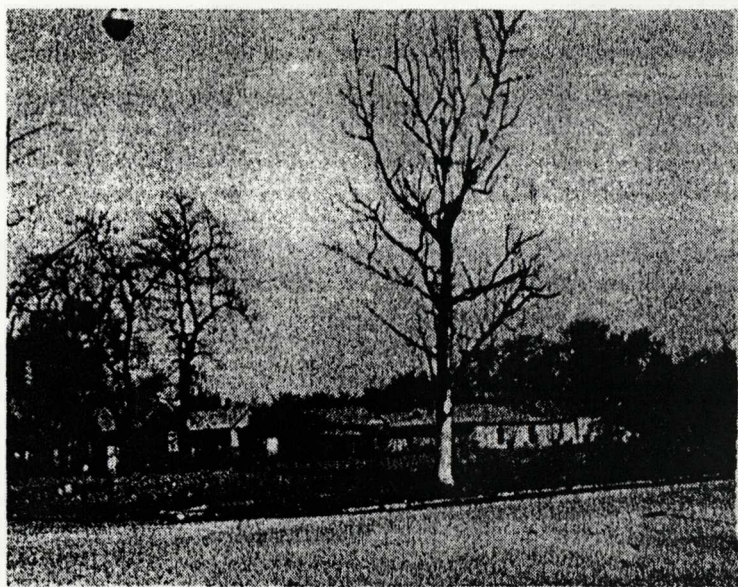
The Rev. Bellinger, who accepted the charge in August, stated that only a small part of the loss was covered by insurance. The Church, decorated with stained windows, was named for Saulters, a lay preacher and trustee of the church, and erected at a cost of \$30,000, but it was explained that it would take double that amount to rebuild it.



MRS. DORA ROBBINS
Oldest Living Member

Things Done Under Handicap

The gallant members of this Church have regained a new hope and interest in their dream of rebuilding their church. During the last ten months this congregation with the minister organized the Commission on Education and the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. An every member canvass



BUILDING SITE FOR NEW CHAPEL

was conducted by the pastor and the members of the two commissions as well as a survey of this section of the city. Both efforts were very revealing in as much as we found that there were a large number of people who are not affiliated with any church and we also learned that the members of Saulter are willing to contribute on a sacrificial basis to realize their dream of once again having their church to worship in.

The pastor organized study groups of the commissions to better acquaint the members of the work of the church. This has helped to stimulate added interest in the spirit of Methodism in the hearts and minds of the people.

Three lots were purchased by the districts of the Northwest Indiana Conference on the Northwest corner of 12th and Franklin Streets across the street from the Washington and Carver Park schools, which make this an ideal place for the type of church that we wish to build.

The church has been cooperating with Methodists of the Greencastle District of the Northwest Indiana Conference in many cultivational and promotional efforts. The Methodist Churches here in the city have also assisted and advised the pastor in many matters pertaining to the construction and financing of the church. The pastor has visited and spoke in many of their churches and Methodist "Solidarity" has been the result of this spirit of Christian Brotherhood.

In spite of the many problems, the people have gradually blended together as "One in Christ" for this great and significant task. This has been remarkable because it indeed was the work of God. We hope that this light will never go out.

Saulters United Methodist Church

Saulters Church was organized in October, 1879 and named in honor of Albert Saulters who was the oldest member of the new congregation. The first building was erected on the southwest corner of 13/12 and Franklin in 1883; in 1895 it was moved across the street. In 1909 a new structure was built and a parsonage in 1925. Tragedy struck early in the morning of Monday December 17, 1951 when fire destroyed the building. It was a complete loss with little insurance. With many uncertainties many left the church. Services were held for a time in the parsonage until a small building was rented. A spirit of hope and commitment carried the church through those times.

The Northwest Conference on the Methodist Church purchased three lots on the northwest corner of 12th and Franklin streets for a new building under the direction of J.C. Williams, who had come to Terre Haute in 1957. This is the building in which the congregation now worships, which was dedicated in 1971. This is the congregation of people who have realized their sin before GOD and man and have known GOD's forgiving love as revealed in Jesus Christ and have committed themselves to the mission GOD has given them. The present group of faithful Saulters people has kept prayer, hope and vision through all the times of hardship and uncertainty and GOD has rewarded their faithfulness.

We now gather today to celebrate the ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY of the Saulters congregation. The picture of Albert Saulters for whom the church is named appears on the front of this brochure.

From 1879 thru 1979, 23 men of GOD served as Pastor of this church. These men were:

Rev. L Brandon	Rev. R.E. Skelton
Rev. F. White	Rev. Haygood
Rev. C.H. Taylor	Rev. I.D. Dorsey
Rev. F.D. Brerkrige	Rev. May
Rev. O.H. Banks	Rev. P.V. Smith
Rev. J.L. Franklin	Rev. Moorehead
Rev. Hayden	Rev. D.E Morris
Rev. Darius	Rev. M.J. Bellinger
Rev. Riley	Rev. J.C. Williams
Rev. I.C. Smith	Rev. S.P. Jones
Rev. C.L. Flory	Rev. H. L. Morrical
	Rev. W.E. Siders

First Free Will Baptist Church

1226 South 13th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



Elder J.D. Foreman, Pastor

18 80

2002

History Of The Free Will Baptist Church

A group of 2,000 Negroes living in North Carolina in 1880, sold all that they owned and set out for Kansas to make their future homes.

On reaching Indianapolis, a number of them came into contact with Republican politicians connected with manufacturing plants that needed strong laborers. According to accounts, a number of the Kansas-bound Negroes in that colony decided to remain in Indiana. Some of them settled in Indianapolis, while a number went to Greensburg to make their homes, and still others traveled to Terre Haute. These made up the North Carolina Colony that settled in this city over a century ago.

When the North Carolina Colony arrived here and could not find homes, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church opened its basement to them until they could find or build houses in which to live.

W.R. McKeen moved box cars along the track behind South Fourteenth Street and painted them white for people to live in. It was called White Line City. Later, a Mr. Evans, a Negro who owned considerable land south of College Avenue and West of the C. and E.I. Railroad tracks, sold small tracks of land to the new arrivals on easy terms. On these they built cottages to house their families. In such a manner the South Side Community had its beginning. These people were sharecroppers, craftsmen, laborers and business men who desired to own homes and educate their children.

The original group were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Uzzell, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Worrell, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parks, Sr., and son Samuel Jr., Mrs. Rosana Tate, Mr. John Hill, George and Tony Howell, Reverend and Mrs. Calvin Edwards, and Reverend and Mrs. Louis Hill. Sylvester and Nicholas Smith, brothers, had married two sisters just before leaving and were the "newly weds" of the group.

A number of persons who made up the Kansas-bound Colony, and who were members of the Free Baptist Denomination in North Carolina, held a meeting before leaving their old home, at which time they organized a Free Baptist Church. On arriving in Terre Haute, in 1880, they met again, completed the organization, and elected Reverend Louis Hill pastor. Those who attended the meeting were Reverend Louis Hill, Mrs. Martha Parks, Mrs. Emily Edwards, Willie Uzzell, Sylvester Smith, Sanders Jones, Reverend William Johnson, Samuel Parks, Sr., Mrs. Rachel Edwards, Mrs. Annie Booker, Nicholas Smith, and Reverend Calvin Edwards. Out of this group the following persons were chosen deacons:

Samuel Parks, Sr.
John Hill
Sylvester Smith

Nicholas Smith
Willie Uzzell
John Edwards

History (Continued)

All of these persons came from North Carolina. August 9, 1824 the south half of lot number seventy (70) in Algy Dean's subdivision was purchased from the United States Government by George W. Dewees. This property passed through a series of owners until it was purchased by John B. Hill and Sylvester Smith in 1882. Mr. Hill and Mr. Smith mortgaged the property to Isaac H.C. Royce for \$250.00 in March of 1882. This mortgage was paid in full July 13, 1884.

On July 16, 1886 John B. Hill and wife, Sylvester Smith and wife Eveline transferred the property to William Uzzell, Sanders Jones and Samuel Parks, Jr. trustees of the Free Will Baptist Church or Stranger's Tabernacle as it was first called. Thus, the ground was obtained for the erection of a large frame church at the corner of South 14th and Dean Streets. The congregation grew. This was replaced by a large stone church at 13th and Franklin Streets in 1907. Some of the pastors were:

Rev. Louis Hill	Rev. M.A. Jones
Rev. Calvin Edwards	Rev. Howard
Rev. Willis Johnston	Rev. Benjamin McIntosh
Rev. Snowden	Rev. W.S. Hodge
Rev. Walter Hancock	

Local ministers in the church who gave valuable assistance throughout the years were the Reverends Robert Flowers, John Brown, James Herring, J.W. Walker, R.T. Patton and Uyless Shaw (all of whom are deceased).

As the older deacons passed on they were replaced on the board by:

Dave Flowers	James Watkins	Johnny Edwards
Elijah Parks	William Dinwiddle	Charles Fitzpatrick
Charles Lewis	Theodore Smith	Hayes Gupton
Warren Smith	Ben Shauntee	William Rogers
Harold Gordon	Jerdie Barnhill	Walter Baynard

Other ministers that served our congregation were:

Rev. E.W. Warfield
Rev. H.S. Schultz
Rev. H.C. Maxwell
Rev. L.V. Jenkins
Rev. S. Hervey
Rev. L.A. Rascoe
Rev. S.E. Lestee
Elder R.R. Cummins Sr.

Spruce Street AME Church

1660 Spruce St.
Terre Haute, IN
Rev. Freddie Bank



1892 20 02

**History of Spruce Street
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

History of Spruce Street African Methodist Episcopal Church

On Sunday, October 2, 1892, a meeting was held at the residence of Joseph Jackson at 1910 Spruce Street. The outgrowth of that meeting was one of the best Sunday Schools in the city and a neat and comfortable church located on the northwest corner of Nineteenth and Spruce Street.

Joseph Jackson stated the object of the meeting was to organize a Sunday School for the accommodation of the Black Children in the northeastern part of the city. The purpose was concurred in by all present and an organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

F.M. Anderson
Hattie Porter
John W. Sims
Anna Jackson
Frances Anderson
Benjamin Porter
Bertha Jackson
J.W. Sims

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Librarian
Assistant Librarian
Chorister

Efforts were made from time to time to secure a place for the permanent meeting house of the Sunday School, but without avail until the fall of 1893 when Mr. E.P. Fairbanks of the Terre Haute Company allowed the people to use a small home located at 1443 Liberty Avenue. This house had been formally used as a saloon. The word "Saloon" had always stood out in large letters printed over the door of the church, and many a stranger dropped in during the hour of divine service to get a quaff of the spirit and retreated in a confused manner when he realized that he was in the house of the Lord.

In October 1893, the late Bishop A.W. Wayman visited the A.M.E. Church in the city and while he was in the city he visited with some member of the church and a half dozen ministers from the surrounding towns led to the organizing of a church in the northeastern part of the city. Within one week from the Bishop's visit here, Reverend A.M. Taylor was sent here to take charge of the church to be organized. Reverend Taylor held a conference with the leaders of the organization. It was then agreed that the organization should be effected November 9, 1893.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1893, the new church was organized and named the Rising Mission A.M.E. Church. The Reverend A. Smith, Presiding Elder officiated.

The following officers were chosen for one year and these were the first officers of the church,

TRUSTEES

T.E. Gurtherie
F.M. Anderson

CLASS LEADERS

T.E. Gurtherie
W.P. Tootle

STEWARDS

W.F. Tootle
Benjamin Porter

STEWARDESSES

Bertha Jackson
Jennie McCallister

Banks Braxton
Benjamin Porter
Joseph Jackson

F.M. Anderson

F.M. Anderson
Banks Braxton
Fremont Roberts
J.P. Anderson
Joseph Jackson

Ella Jackson
Susie Brokton
Lafronia Jackson
Adaline Thomas

On November 9, 1894, a committee was appointed to select and purchase a lot for the church. The committee contracted for lot 16 in Probst's Subdivision, corner 19th and Spruce Street. This lot was purchased and paid for by May 2, 1898. The first structure (now torn down) was begun in August, 1898 during the pastorate of Reverend Slier. On the following September, Reverend J. W. Henson, one of the best builders in the state was sent to take charge and to complete the building of the church.

T.W. Henderson preached at the Armory Hall before the completion of the church and suggested on September 4, 1897 that the name be changed from Rising Mission A.M.E. Church to Second A.M.E. Church. The members then agreed to change the name which was sanctioned by the Annual Conference which was in session in this city. The first service was held in the new church Sunday, November 19, 1899

The church remained as Second A.M.E. Church until the now present structure was built in 1927 under the supervision of Rev. J.S.A. Mitcham. The name of the church was changed to St. John Temple A.M.E. Church, but it was commonly known as Spruce Street A.M.E. Church. Rev. J.S.A. Mitcham was pastor from 1926 to 1933.

Rev. W.K. Robertson started the building of the parsonage. He pastured the church from 1939 to 1945. Rev. Williams helped to complete the windows in the church and the church was finished and formally dedicated by the Right Reverend John A. Gregg in 1946. Rev. Williams pastured the church until 1947.

Rev. W.F. Ogleton greatly improved the parsonage while he was at Spruce Street A.M.E. Church from 1947 to 1951. On September 13, 1970, Reverend D.R. Bailey Jr. came on the scene. Under his leadership the church was redecorated, a new roof was put on, the parsonage was completely renovated and totally remodeled on the inside. The entire church property was greatly improved.

From the Spiritual standpoint, the church had grown with the addition of new members and the addition of a new teen choir under the direction and supervision of Mrs. Geraldine Bailey, Mrs. Cleota Waldon, Junior Usher Board, and a new Scout Troop under the leadership of Scout Master, Mr. Leo Phillips and Assistant Scout Master, Fred W. Draper. The year 1971, was a year of many first for Spruce Street A. M.E. Church. This was the first year of our first annual church picnic on Sunday August 8, at Forest Park, Brazil Indiana.

This was our first of an annual session that we will have a "play and pray". This was the year that the men raised more money than the women in their fund raising efforts. Under the direction and supervision of Reverend D.R. Bailey Jr., Spruce Street A.M.E. Church was becoming one of the more progressive churches in Terre Haute. On August 9, 1976, disaster struck the church in the form of a fire. The fire completely gutted the church, but we quickly started the wheels rolling to get the church remodeled and on May 6, 1977 it was rededicated by The Right Reverend Hauberk N. Robins. Rev. S.O. Jones was the pastor at this time from 1972 to 1979

In 1994 a donation was given to the church by Merle Howard and David Edwards, part of the donation they wanted to be used to create a memorial for their parents Howard and Meraleen

Spruce Street AME Church

1660 Spruce St.
Terre Haute, IN

Edwards and their Grandmother Zovella Richmond. There was a committee formed and their job was to create this memorial. The committee members were: Barbara Webb, Elsie Pitts, Ermeita Phillips, Cleota Waldon and Georgie Bailey. After many hours of brain storming the idea of placing stained glass over the recessed cross of glass brick already located on the front wall of the sanctuary. The original cross made of glass bricks was a gift to the church and Howard Edwards helped to install it in 1946. The stained glass cross was dedicated by The Right Reverend James H. Mayo.

In 1996 Spruce Street AME Church was blessed with Pastor Emmanuel James Vaughn Sr. With our new motto "We Are A Willing People" Spruce Street began to revitalize its efforts for church growth and we are now, moving the church forward into the 21st century. As Pastor Vaughn states we must go back to the basics, Reading and Teaching and Preaching the word of God. Continue in Prayer for the church and all its people, continue to ask for forgiveness of Sin committed by thought, by word or by deed. We must continue our efforts to satisfy the Spiritual needs of the church and the community.

Spruce Street members are growing Spiritually daily, we are being blessed by the sound leadership of Pastor Vaughn, and his vision from God for the church. Several church programs has been instituted under Pastors leadership, and the church family is growing, Mentally, Morally and Spiritually. Spruce Street will continue to move forward by following, the teachings of Jesus Christ Our Lord. We shall never forget our church belief that: "God is Our Father, Christ is Our Redeemer, Man is Our Brother, and the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to preach Christ liberating gospel to ALL of God's people.

Spruce Street African Methodist Episcopal Church stands as a pillar, a standard of faith, hope, and charity in the Terre Haute community. For more than 100 years, it has stood for justice and freedom for All of Gods people. Spruce Street African Methodist Episcopal Church must continue the fight for civil rights for all people, we must continue to stand against a system of government that continue to segregate its people. We must continue the fight against sexism, ageism, illegal drugs (crack cocaine), teen pregnancy, gang related shootings, police brutality, wife abuse and husband abuse, and child abuse. We must continue to voice our frustration to the city, state, and federal governments for its unfair and impartial distribution of city services and goods to the inner city community of Terre Haute, Indiana.

As the new millennium approach the Church of Jesus Christ, MUST come together under one banner, and create an environment of Love, Peace, Joy, for all of Gods People the "saved" as well as the "unsaved." We the Church of Jesus Christ, MUST live the words (even though some doubt) of the great commission, that we go make disciples of all nations, and all people baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commanded us to do. Do this with faith in His promise; the promise that He will be with us always to the very end of the age (Matthew 28: 18-20).

May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with us all,
now and forever. AMEN!

LIST OF PASTORS

Rev. A.M. Taylor	1893-1894
Rev. J.W. Grayson	1894-1895
Rev. Johnson Burden	1895-1896
Rev. Jasper Siler	1896-1898
Rev. J. W. Henson	1898-1902
Rev. Chas H. Jackson	1902-1904
Rev. H. P. Patton	1904-1906
Rev. J. J. Evans	1906-1908
Rev. J. R. Harvey	1908-1910
Rev. W. D. Shannon	1910-1912
Rev. M. W. Sparks	1912-1917
Rev. C.L. Upthegrove	1917-1922
Rev. A. J. Irvine	1922-1924
Rev. Abraham Cottman	1924-1926
Rev. J. S. S. Mitcham	1926-1933
Rev. J. Talbert	1933-1935
Rev. R. F. Boyd	1935-1937
Rev. A. E. Taylor	1937-1939
Rev. W. K. Robertson	1939-1945
Rev. E. P. Williams	1945-1947
Rev. W. K. Ogleton	1947-1951
Rev. W. H. Adams	1951-1952
Rev. P. R. James	1952-1958
Rev. S. P. Johnson	1958-1958 (6 Months)
Rev. Lewis Carter	1958-1963
Rev. C. W. Holliday	1963-1965
Rev. Elmer W. Arnold	1965-1970
Rev. D. R. Bailey, Jr.	1970-1972
Rev. S. O. Jones	1972-1979
Rev. T. N. Christopher	1979-1981
Rev. Ronald W. Jones	1981-1984
Rev. K. A. Christmon	1984-1986
Rev. Thomas A. Turner	1986-1989
Rev. Bland Childress	1989-1993
Rev. Mary E. Hamilton	1993-1995
Rev. Oswald Dillon	1995-1996
Rev. Emmanuel J. Vaughn, Sr.	1996-2001
Rev. Freddie Bank	2001

Spruce Street African Methodist Episcopal Church

Highland MBC
2851 N. 13 1/2 St.
Terre Haute IN 47804 466-7277
Rev. Charles N. Tyler, Pastor



18 98

20 02

HISTORY OF

HIGHLAND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Highland Missionary Baptist Church had its beginning in a unique way in that a few faithful and obedient God-fearing Christians had a desire to worship together their God in which they believed and trusted. With faith in God and their hopes anchored in Jesus Christ, these few started what was to become Highland Missionary Baptist Church.

In the year, 1898, Henry J. and Anna M. Russell sold their farm in Linton township, Vigo County, and moved to Terre Haute, IN. Their home was located at 2905 North 13 1/2 Street, which is directly across the street from our present church building.

The services at Terre Haute Gospel Chapel are:

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 P.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 A.M.

Wednesday

Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome and the doors are open to all people.

The deceased elderly members are:

Bro. Ray and Bonnie Russell
Bro. Lewis and Jessie Granger
Bro. Clyde Manuel Jr.
Bro. Fred Russell
Bro. Jesse Jones
Sister Essa Bell
Sister Lucille Hanley

A few elderly still living and are able to attend services are:

Bro. James Russell and Mary Russell
Bro. James Anderson Sr.
Sister Dorothy (Oney) Allen (97)
Sister Ruth Manuel
Sister Rhea Stewart (unable to attend due to illness in family)
Mr. Carl and Clara Russell

All of these elderly ones have and are so faithful in the work of the Lord at the chapel. We can truly say "To God be the glory great things he hath done".

Mt. Pilgrim MBC
1935 Tippecanoe St.
Terre Haute IN 47807 232-7697
Rev. Charles Irvin, Pastor



19 06 2002

HISTORY

The Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1906 in a house at the corner of 2205 Chase Street. Rev. James Avery was the first pastor. The membership was very small. Rev. Hillman and Deacon of second Missionary Baptist Church helped them to get organized. As the membership grew and they needed a larger place. God blessed them with a larger house at the corner of 19th and Elm Street in the early 1920's. Rev. D. Brandon was called to pastor after the church moved to Elm Street. In the 20's Rev. GE Johnson was called to pastor and did so until 1938. After Rev. Johnson, the church had other pastors.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church

1935 Tippecanoe St.
Terre Haute, IN

Rev HC Curlin, Rev. PK Harvey, Rev. ED Whitterspoon. In 1948, Rev. CW Saunders was called to paster and did so until his death in 1959. In 1958, the school corporation bought the block on Elm including the Church. In June 1959, the church was moved to its present location. In December 1959, Rev. CW Saunders passed and again the church was without a pastor. In 1960, Rev. Al Williams was called and pastored for 2 years. Once again the church was without a pastor. In 1963, Rev. C.P. White was called and pastored until 1969. In May of 1970, Rev. Cary Elliott of Guthrie, Kentucky, was called and pastored for 20 years. He resigned on August 20, 1990, because of his health. His retirement was final on September 30, 1990. Rev. Thomas Wood was called, October 6, 1990. Rev. Thomas Wood was installed November 11, 1990 and pastored until December 1995. The church was again without a pastor.

After a short time Rev. Charles Irvin was called in February of 1996, to be our pastor at Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. As of march 3, 1996, he began his leadership where he has been pastor for 6 years. Under his leadership an by the grace of God, and Mount Pilgrim members there has been new works: a new piano, new carpet, bathrooms, remodeled, our steeple added on, but most of all souls have been saved and baptized. Added to our flock were 41 new members.

The Lord is good and with prayer we hope to have many, many more souls added and much more great works, under the leadership of our Pastor Charles Irvin.

*Sunday, March 11, 2001
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
84th ANNIVERSARY
Reverend Terry M. Clark*



19 17

HISTORY

20 02

On March 10, 1917, a band of 13 believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, led by the Reverends W.M. Dickerson and W. E. Clark, met in the home of Ike Richardson to organize a Baptist church. A building was donated to the fledgling congregation to conduct worship services. The church began to prosper both spiritually and financially, truly coming together as a family under Pastor Dickerson's leadership. Later, the property at 920 Harding Ave. was purchased and remodeled. However, the congregation eventually outgrew this facility in 1921, and the property at 943 Harding Ave. was purchased and a brick structure was erected on that spot. The church family was led well by its founding Pastor until his resignation in 1922.

From 1922 thru 1974, 16 men of God served as Pastor of the church. These men were:

<i>Rev. James Brown</i>	<i>Rev. E.D. Witherspoon</i>
<i>Rev. J.W. Butler</i>	<i>Rev. W.T. Snead</i>
<i>Rev. A.L. Neblitt (served twice)</i>	<i>Rev. A.W. Martin</i>
<i>Rev. R. Hayden</i>	<i>Rev. L.M. Johnson</i>
<i>Rev. C.E. Martin</i>	<i>Rev. E.B. Phillips</i>
<i>Rev. W.M. Young</i>	<i>Rev. R.H. Carter</i>
<i>Rev. J.G. Green</i>	<i>Rev. A.L. Scott</i>
<i>Rev. H. Pinckney</i>	<i>Rev. Reddie G. Moore</i>

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

HISTORY

The present structure was completed in 1964 under the Pastor A.L. Scott's administration. Additionally, Pastor Scott renamed the church the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church. Pastor Reedie G. Moore, who is currently pastor of the Calvary Temple Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, gave the church it's present name.

On January 19, 1975, the church was unanimous in its selection of Rev. E.D. Harper as Pastor. At the time, Rev. Harper was pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois. During his pastorate, the church's membership soared and the Sunday evening service was broadcast over the radio each week. Rev. Harper served as pastor until his resignation on January 8, 1984.

On the second Sunday in March 1985, a meeting was held following the morning worship service. At this meeting, the church was unanimous in it's selection of Rev. Jeffery A. Johnson as pastor. Rev. Johnson resigned in 1989 for his current pastorate of the Eastern Star Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Rev. Lindsay E. Curtis was installed as St. Paul's next pastor on April 19, 1990. Many of the current improvements to the church structure were made under his leadership. The current "Saturday Meals Ministry" was begun during his pastorate. He originated the current expansion project, and established the expansion fund. Rev. Curtis served the congregation faithfully and extremely well until his resignation in August 1994.

The church was without a leader for the next 19 months. But then finally, our prayers were answered on February 28, 1996, when the call was extended to Rev. Terry M. Clark. He began his pastoral duties on March 17, 1996, and was installed on May 26th. Pastor Clark began regular Bible studies twice a week, an ongoing tape ministry, and involvement in evangelistic outreach efforts such as the citywide Jesus Video Project. The construction of a new fellowship hall, a vision of Pastor Curtis, was completed in 1998 under Pastor Clark's leadership. A Pew Rally was successful during the year of 1999, whereas many members of our Church contributed to this cause and their names were assigned to various pews.

Our Church continues to grow under the pastoralship of Rev. Clark. Many have joined our church under watch care and Rev. Clark has baptized many.

As a church family, we believe that the history of St. Paul is being rewritten by the children of God every day. And for that, to God be the glory.

Copeland Chapel CME

1543 Elm St.

Terre Haute IN 47807

Rev. Kenneth Moore, Pastor

19 30

20 02



HISTORY OF COPELAND CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH

Copeland Chapel was born in the year of our Lord 1930. The first church building was located on Elm Street and was called the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. This building was sold to the Church of God in Christ in 1936 and a worship facility was purchased in the Highland area of Terre Haute from the Israel of God Church.

In 1954, the name of the church was officially changed to Copeland Chapel, in memory of a preacher from Kentucky who used to preach at the church in its early years. Rev. Clark Edwards was the pastor at that time. It was also under Rev. Edward's pastorate that a worship facility was purchased at the corner of 23rd and Liberty Streets in 1962. At the time the facility was bought, it was the largest Black house of worship in Terre Haute. In 1964, the church was host for that year's session of the Ohio-Central Indiana Annual Conference.

In 1986, Rev. Lonnie Napier, the Presiding Elder, approached Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey for approval for Copeland Chapel to relocate. Upon the Bishop's approval, the old building was sold and the current building was erected. Rev. Bennie Floyd supervised the relocation and with Rev. Lovie Brown's assistance oversaw the new building's construction. The building was finished in May 1987 when the congregation relocated. Bishop Lakey dedicated the building in October, in 1987.

Copeland Chapel has been pastored by Revs. Samuel Jones Newman, Clark Edwards (served two different times), G.W. Moore, Sandy Strayhorn, J.W. Parks, David Jones, Phillip Patton, Wilbur Freeman, Isaac Gibson, Allen Cohen, George Mahone, Walter Duff, Jack Atkins, Bennie Floyd, Carl Kelley, Amariah Macintosh, and the present pastor, Rev. Kenneth E. Moore.

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."
(Psalm 27:4)*

0512-0665-1880-1 610701-0142

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Terre Haute IN 47804 231-1799
Rev. Henry Barnhill, Pastor



19 32

20 02

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

68TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 1, 2000

God's grace and mercy has brought us safely to this time Another year. God has allowed the Shiloh Family to conquer Those trials and tribulations that Satan has placed in our Paths in flying colors; shiloh is truly thankful for this.

Shiloh is here to celebrate our 68th Church Anniversary. Of course, none who are members now, were here at the Beginning, but many were fortunate enough to come this way To hear our forerunners tell the story of how they got up The rough side of the mountains; prayer has enabled and Encouraged us to stay on the firing line for Christ.

Fears has played a great role in keeping us humble and Prayerful. Fears such as finance, members leaving and coming Death, health problems, crime, aging, God, and etc. but Trusting in Gods ability to answer pray we have been able To do God's will.

Shiloh was re-organized on January 3, 1932. Every since That date, the membership has taken on my spiritual projects; Working hard, having great determination, and God's grace And mercy; we have been able to enjoy the fruits of God.

In the 68 years, Shiloh has had many, many god sent Shepherds to lead this flock. Most of the membership was Under the late James E. Barksdale; who was called to Shiloh In November 1956. He spiritually and graciously occupied the Pastor's Chair for 41 ½ years; retiring in May of 1998 because Of health problems. June 2000 God called him home to be with Him.

Shiloh had two Assistant Pastors Rev. Cleytus Malone and The late C.P. White, but without one at the present time. In the past four years, Shiloh has several Associate Ministers Gracing our pulpit; thanks to the Holy Ghost and our Leadership.

At the time Rev. Barksdale's health began to fail, Shiloh Was blessed to have an Associate Minister in our membership; Rev. Henry E. Barnhill. He served us faithfully and spiritually. He was a jewel that God had placed here to support our Pastor And aid the Church Family.

Rev. Barnhill served as interim pastor for several Months, while the Church Family prayed asking for spiritual

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
68TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
OCTOBER 1, 2000

Guidance in selecting a new pastor. The Church Family was lead To call Rev. Henry E. Barnhill in September of 1998 as their Pastor.

Rev. Barnhill has served our family very faithfully and Spiritually. Shiloh is happy and excited under his leadership The Family continues to press toward the High calling of Jesus Christ.

The most important issues of Shiloh's history continues is

1. Souls converted
2. Help people
3. Help churches
4. Train delegates into the ministry
5. Raise dreams
6. Train Sunday School teachers
7. Strengthen members in the grace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

At the present time, the fruits of Shiloh's obedience to God's work is demonstrated in Terre Haute, in the state, and Across the nation. The flock is scattered, but God is blessing Our faith and efforts by gathering them home; Shiloh we must Fear the Lord.

As for us here at Shiloh, we will continue to "Fear the Lord", but our "Fears" must turn to "Hope". Shiloh, when We fear God the result is "Hope". Hope giving us a sense of Being restful and peaceful; displaying our love, faith, and Charity for one another and our fellow man.

Shiloh let's continue to pray to God for Love.
Pray for acts of Love from God
Hope for a brighter day
Hope for eternal life with our Heavenly Father.

Humbly submitted by the Shiloh Church Family; this
1st Day of October 2000.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1915 Buckeye St.
Terre Haute, IN



Rev. Kenneth Ladd, Pastor

19 40

20 02

Church History

St. John Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1940 in a store front at the corner of 23rd and Buckeye streets, under the leadership of Rev. William McClure. The church was constructed as a frame building on two lots purchased at the present site at 20th and Buckeye.

After the death of his wife, Rev. McClure moved to Indianapolis with his children. Rev. Alfred Robbs was called as pastor in 1947. The church was rebuilt under his leadership and he served for 9 years.

Several pastors followed including Rev. G. Wright, L. White, G. Mallery, J. Perkins, P. Bush, and E. Jackson.

Rev. Kenneth Ladd was called in December, 1971. Being a God sent man, under his leadership the church continued to grow. It was enlarged and remodeled in 1975. New pews were added in 1977, and the annexation of the kitchen and education rooms were completed in 1979. In 1994 the church was remodeled again. A new baptismal pool was installed, larger choir stands, new lighting, enlarged rest rooms, and a new entrance to the church.

Resently new stain glass windows were installed with name plaques, new air conditioning, a computer, a copier machine, and lastly a church van.

Through the years, St. John has truly been blessed. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers as we continue to strive for the salvation of man and the glorification of God.

St. John MBC
1915 Buckeye St.
Terre Haute IN 47804 232-2122
Rev. Kenneth Ladd, Pastor

Terre Haute Gospel Chapel
Terre Haute, IN
Guy Lipkins, Pastor



19 57

HISTORY

20 02

Terre Haute Gospel Chapel
Terre Haute, IN
Guy Lipkins, Pastor
1957 to 2002

Written by: Sister Ruth Manuel

In 1957, Terre Haute Gospel Chapel was established by Bro. Ray Russell of Sullivan, IN. Bro. Russell was saved at a very early age and God Blessed Him with such a love and wonderful knowledge of his word that he wanted our people and others to know it and love the word as he did.

He kept in contact with the different Brethren who encouraged him in the faith. II Timothy 2:15 tells us "To study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

Each year Bro. Russell and his dear wife Bonnie would attend the different Bible Conferences in Michigan, Cleveland, Cedine Bible Camp in Tennessee and other places to learn more of the Bible and to have Christian fellowship with others. Many times they would load up their car and take others with them.

The Nottage brothers were a wonderful help to him, plus others, Terre Haute Bible Center, his brother, Bryon Russell, who was pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

Bro. Ray taught a Bible class at Lost Creek Baptist each Wednesday night for about 5 years. He would have street meetings in the summer on Sunday afternoon in Washington Park where Hyte Community Center is now located. Everywhere he went Christ was seen in his life!

But he longed and prayed to have a church where he could teach others and minister Gods' precious word to others. He said "Our people need to read the Bible and know what it says". So through much prayer and God's leading, help of others, prayer was answered at God's appointed time.

One of Bro. Rays' friends, Bro. Johnson was reading the paper and saw a building was for sale at 2101 Beech Street. That was in 1956.

Bro. Johnston made contact with Bro. Ray and they came to Terre Haute to look at it. They made inquiries, price and etc, and decided this was it. The building had been a meat slaughter and packing company and wasn't in very good shape. But after contacts, Bro. Ray and his brother-in-law, Lewis Granger, the building was purchased.

It took almost a year to get it in shape to look like a church inside and outside. Then in 1957, the doors were opened for services. With only a few members, the chapel started with many children, by some adults going from house to house, knocking on doors and inviting children and parents to Sunday school and Church on Sunday afternoons. We had Sunday school for all ages. The Beginners and Primary classes were held in the basement, due to the small building. Adults and teenagers were held upstairs.

At first children that had no way to get to the chapel were picked up in cars. Then parents came also. Then God blessed us with a school bus to pick them up. Brother Lewis Granger was the driver.

As attendance in membership grew, a prayer meeting and Bible study was held on Thursday night at 7:00, but later was changed to Wednesday night. Bro. Russell also had a radio ministry over W.B.O.W. for many years each Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M.

A children's "Joy Bible Class" started with Dear Sister Lanfair, from Bible Center each Wednesday evening. Children came from Deming School and surrounding area. It was very well attended and the children loved Sister Lanfair for teaching them God's word. She taught for years until age and failing health, she could no longer do so. But the "Joy Bible Class" continued just the same for years. Many of these children were saved.

Then as the church continued to grow, there was a need for more space, so through prayer and contacts, just what did our Heavenly Father do? He provided a new addition in 1969 as the church stands today!

Bro. Ray was faithful there at the chapel. When his heart began to fail, through prayer and help of others, God sent Bro. Guy Lipkins and his dear wife, from Indianapolis to minister the word to us each Sunday. He was appointed Pastor at the Chapel January 19, 1997. They love the Lord so much and God keeps blessing them. Praise his dear name!!

We have very good attendance and the Lord is adding to the work there. The young people know and love the Lord and are faithful in attending on the Lords day.

The doors to the chapel are always open to all people because God loves everyone. Just to think what was once a slaughter house became a soul saving house of worship and praise!! The growth of the chapel was slow in the beginning, however this edifice stands today as a visible symbol of bro. Ray's faithfulness, his love for the lord, and his commitment to serve, for Christians to grow in the grace and knowledge of God's Word. To go and win precious lost souls to the savior. That is our commission. Matthew 28:19-20 says "Go into all the world and preach and teach the gospel".

Bro. Ray Russell was called home to glory April 7, 1999 at the age of 96. His legacy will be remembered by many. He helped spiritually.

The services at Terre Haute Gospel Chapel are:

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 P.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 A.M.

Wednesday

Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome and the doors are open to all people.

The deceased elderly members are:

Bro. Ray and Bonnie Russell
Bro. Lewis and Jessie Granger
Bro. Clyde Manuel Jr.
Bro. Fred Russell
Bro. Jesse Jones
Sister Essa Bell
Sister Lucille Hanley

A few elderly still living and are able to attend services are:

Bro. James Russell and Mary Russell
Bro. James Anderson Sr.
Sister Dorothy (Oney) Allen (97)
Sister Ruth Manuel
Sister Rhea Stewart (unable to attend due to illness in family)
Mr. Carl and Clara Russell

All of these elderly ones have and are so faithful in the work of the Lord at the chapel. We can truly say "To God be the glory great things he hath done".

New Hope Church of God in Christ

3024 N. 16th St.
Terre Haute, IN



B. A. Sanders, Pastor

19 81 2002

New Hope Church of God In Christ

3024 N. 16th St.
Terre Haute, IN

New Hope C.O.G.I.C. was founded by the late Eld. David Shouse Senior and his wife (Helen). On June 1, 1981, Mo. Helen Shouse, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, was given the name New Hope. Through a dear friend (Mr. George Russel), Eld. & Sis. Shouse purchased a building at 2200 Liberty Ave. June 15, 1981, was when the first service was held.

Those serving under his ministry were deacons David Shouse Jr., & Frank Wilkins, Donna Wilkins (expiring Missy.) Helen Shouse (trustee), Laity: Lola Shouse, Gloria Shouse, Delores Shouse, Richard Suggs & family, Delisa Shouse (musician), Daniel Shouse (musician), Jackie Shouse, Gladys Shouse and grandchildren.

As time passed, on February 28, 1982, Eld David Shouse Sr. was called to his eternal home.

On March 1982, Supt. James Sanders, who was the pastor of Greater Sander Temple C.O.G.I.C., pastored new Hope as an overseer for 3 years. With his wife (Supervisor I.M. Sanders) working with him, it was a blessing. We shall always love and remember them.

On May 31, 1985, being previously called to the ministry, Eld. David Shouse Jr., who was the son of the late pastor was ordained and afterwards was appointed pastor of New Hope. During this time God sent a beautiful saint who was faithful and very devoted to the work (District Missy. Ella Mae Redd).

Desiring a larger place to worship, we purchased the church of God fellowship at 17th Sycamore St., and later purchased another place to worship, located at 1935 Elm St.

On September 17, 1987, Supt. G. W. Anderson, pastor of Anderson Temple C.O.G.I.C., began to pastor New Hope as an overseer.

His wife working with him and Min. Andre' Moody assisting him was a blessing. Eld. George, which is what we all affectionately called him, is a very loyal, faithful and devoted man of God who served us for 9 years. We will never forget the work he's done. Later on Min. Andre' Moody, who had previously been ordained and given authorization by the late Bishop Oscar Freeman to pastor New hope was appointed as pastor on December 7, 1996. With his wife (Delphine) working with him, he purchased on contract this place where we now worship July 15, 1996. During this time Bro. Darrel Shouse his wife (Debbie) and family who were faithful, loyal supporters help to carry on this work.

In June 1998 Supt. G. W. Anderson suggested to our present Jurisdictional Prelate to send Eld. Burnnie A. Sanders to New Hope. After 8 months Eld. B. A. Sanders accepted the call to pastoralship. On February 4, 1999 Eld. B. A. Sanders was appointed pastor of New Hope C. O. G. I. C.

Presented by
Mo. Helen Shouse (Bridges)

Edited by
Pastor B. A. Sanders

New Hope Church of God in Christ

3024 N. 16th St.
Tenn. House IN

The New Hope Church of God in Christ was founded in 1932 at the home of Mrs. Helen Spouse. The church was organized on September 12, 1932, with Mrs. Helen Spouse as the first pastor. The church has since grown to a membership of over 100 members. The church is located at 3024 N. 16th St., Tenn. House IN.

The church was founded in 1932 at the home of Mrs. Helen Spouse. The church was organized on September 12, 1932, with Mrs. Helen Spouse as the first pastor. The church has since grown to a membership of over 100 members. The church is located at 3024 N. 16th St., Tenn. House IN.

In June 1933 Supr. G. W. Anderson suggested to our present jurisdictional Prelate to send Eld. Burnie A. Sanders to New Hope. After 8 months Eld. B. A. Sanders accepted the call to pastorate. On February 4, 1934 Eld. B. A. Sanders was appointed pastor of New Hope C. O. G. I. C.

Presented by
Mrs. Helen Spouse (Bridges)

Edited by
Pastor B. A. Sanders

New Hope C. O. G. I. C. was founded in 1932 at the home of Mrs. Helen Spouse. The church was organized on September 12, 1932, with Mrs. Helen Spouse as the first pastor. The church has since grown to a membership of over 100 members. The church is located at 3024 N. 16th St., Tenn. House IN.

The church was founded in 1932 at the home of Mrs. Helen Spouse. The church was organized on September 12, 1932, with Mrs. Helen Spouse as the first pastor. The church has since grown to a membership of over 100 members. The church is located at 3024 N. 16th St., Tenn. House IN.

On March 1932, Supr. James Sanders, who was the pastor of Greater Tangle C. O. G. I. C., pastored New Hope as an overseer for 3 years. With his wife (Supervisor I.M. Sanders) working with him it was a blessing. We shall always love and remember them.

On May 31, 1935, being previously called to the ministry, Eld. David Spouse Jr. who was the son of the late pastor was ordained and afterwards was appointed pastor of New Hope. During his time God sent a beautiful saint who was faithful and very devoted to the work (District Missy Ella Mae Webb).

PRINCE OF PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2415 8TH Avenue

Terre Haute, IN 47804

(812) 232-0582

Robert Lee Seaward, Pastor

19 82

20 02



HISTORY

On December 5, 1982 a new body was born which is now called Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. We feel that the organization of this body is strictly of God and is most miraculous. This new body was founded under the pastorship and leadership of Rev. Stanford Hervey with twelve chartered members.

The Lord touched the hearts of the wonderful pastor, officers and members of the Mount of Olive Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 1322 South 13th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, and they lovingly opened their hearts and the doors of their church and gave us a place to worship.

For several weeks, we met for worship without electing any officers or making plans for organization. Finally, the process of organization began. On Sunday, January 16, 1983, our name was officially changed to Prince of Peace Mission, and the church's secretary and treasurer were elected. On January 13, 1984, the Lord blessed us, and we were able to acquire and begin the process of purchasing a building located at 2201 8th Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana.

On Sunday, January 29, 1984, our pastor united with Saint John Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Hervey was officially ordained to be a Missionary Baptist minister by the Southwestern District Association of Missionary Baptists under the moderatorship of Rev. Kenneth B. Ladd, and was given permission to organize a Baptist Mission by the Association. On Friday, April 20, 1984, we were called together by the Association and our church was officially organized as Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church. We then proceeded with the process of Incorporation, which is required by the laws of the State of Indiana. We are now known as the Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.

On June 28, 1985, Pastor Hervey was called home, which left us as lost sheep without a shepherd. With the Love of God in our heart, we held on, knowing that God would send us a leader.

On December 7, 1985, Rev. Clifton Dollison accepted the responsibility of pastor and was installed on August 17, 1986, by Rev. Cleytus D. Malone and the membership of Second Missionary Baptist Church. The shepherd had gathered his flock, and we moved on toward giving God His glory.

On April 5, 1987, we moved from 2201 8th Avenue to our present site. With prayer and praises we entered His court with song and praises. June 28, 1987, Rev. L.O. Lapsley and the congregation of Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church dedicated our church.

On April 9, 1992, Pastor Dollison submitted his resignation as pastor. Pastor Dollison and his family moved to Florida, where he accepted a pastorship. Through many trials and tribulation, we prayed and put our trust in the Lord to guide us and to give us a pastor to lead us.

On August 30, 1992, the Lord sent us a shepherd, Rev. Robert Lee Seaward. We are grateful to God, for Rev. Seaward came to us ready and willing to work, never asking what we could do for him, but what he could do for us.

On November 22, 1992, Rev. Kenneth B. Ladd and the membership of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church installed Pastor Seaward and the officers of the church.

On January 12, 1993, the Lord blessed us and we were then able to acquire funds and we began our renovation endeavors. Our initial plan was that of remodeling the existing sanctuary and rebuilding the fellowship hall. But the Lord had another plan and gave Pastor Seaward the vision to construct a new worship sanctuary and renovate the old sanctuary to be the Fellowship Hall. The foundation was poured in February and the exterior bricks were laid the week of May 30, 1993. Each member was blessed with the opportunity of placing a memorial brick on the building under the direction of Pastor Melvin McClennon, who then charged the membership to continue working on the building, just as we are climbing JACOB'S LADDER (the pattern design is in the bricks). We were blessed to be able to have our dedication services July 3rd and 4th in 1993.

In February 1996, plans began for the annexation of our educational wing, in order that we might serve God's people in building them spiritually in the Word. The Lord spoke; we moved and great strides were made toward completion. The formal dedication service for the educational wing was conducted December 8, 1996, with Moderator Clarence N. Tyler presiding.

December 1997, the Lord blessed, and we were able to purchase 100 upholstered chairs to complete the sanctuary section of the church. November 1998, God moved again and allowed us to go forth with upholstering the pews, complimenting the chairs, which denotes a look of completeness. God is good, and He continually pours out His richness on His people in any manner He so deems. In March 1998, God blessed us by sending to us Mr. Eugene Thomas, who donated his effort, artistic talents and time to provide us with the excellent mural of the creation, which so effectively adorns our sanctuary.

The Lord has blessed; the Lord is blessing. It is our utmost desire to please the Lord. And is it our prayer that He would be pleased with us. As we study the Scripture, we find that as Jesus dealt with people, He was concerned with the whole person. Following His example, it is our desire to minister to the whole need of God's people. We are prayerfully trusting in the Lord with all our heart to lead and guide us. We are confident that God is pleased, for He has blessed us again.

November 1999, the Lord blessed and enabled us to secure new pulpit chairs and a twenty-seven passenger bus to be used in the church ministry. The church body was elated and proud to dedicate these gifts back to God at our 17th Anniversary on December 12, 1999. Pastor Thomas Wood and the membership of Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church joined in our celebration and dedication.

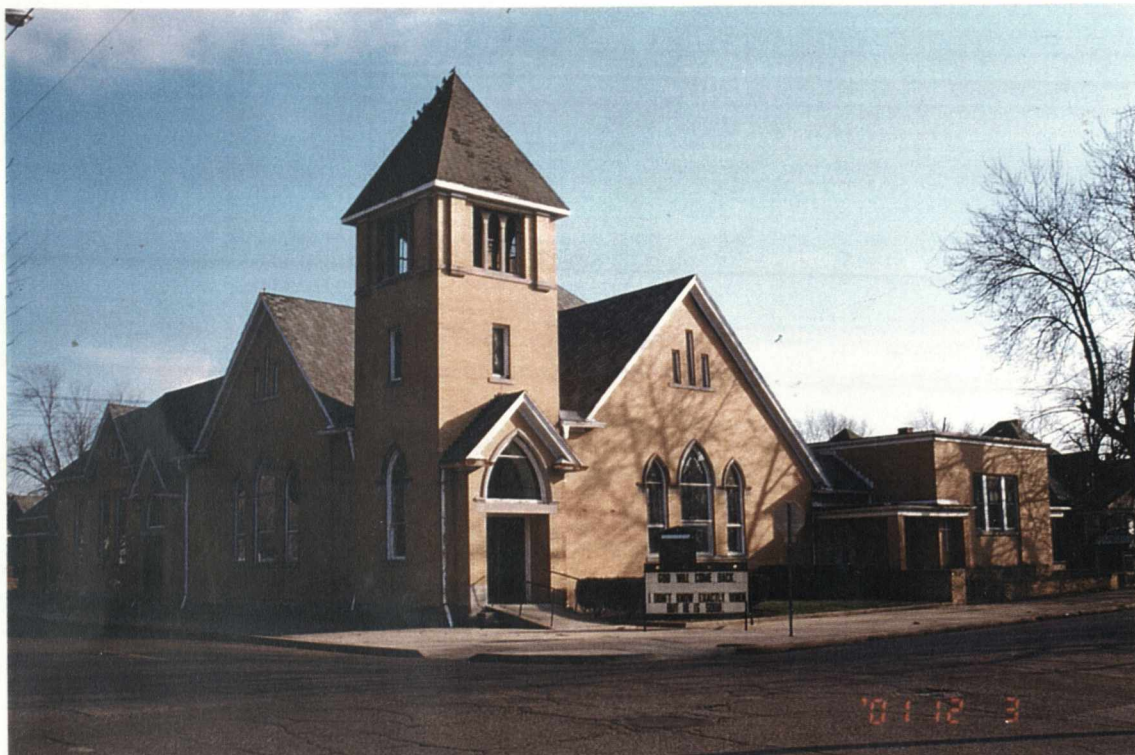
Under the steadfast leadership of Pastor Seaward, the church body of Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church has blossomed spiritually, as we hear "doth saith the Lord." True to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Senior Pastor Seaward has stretched out his arms to welcome other ministers to the fold: Assistant Pastor Dennis Manuel; Associate Pastor Daniel Wakefield; and Minister, Rev. Mary Foye.

We, the Prince of Peace Body, children of the Mighty King, believe in the Word of God. Malachi 2:7 says: "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts." We do not believe it is important who the messenger is, or what that messenger's gender is. What is important is that the message is of God. Joel 2:28 tells us: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." The sons and daughters of Prince of Peace believe that the Spirit of God is being poured out, even at this very moment, for the time of the Lamb is at hand. Now we, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, Christ Jesus, we stand on God's Word that: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28)

We cannot be but grateful for God has brought us a mighty long way. ALL THE WAY! And we can stand on God's promise that He will never leave us or forsake us, for His faithfulness is great.

GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS!

Greater Victory Temple of the Apostolic Faith
1100 South 17th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



Elder Tino Smith

19 83

2002



**Greater Victory Temple of the Apostolic Faith
1100 South 17th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802**

Victory Temple was founded on January 16, 1983 by Elder John Davis and was located at 634 4th Avenue. Elder Davis opened a soup kitchen to help feed Terre Haute's less unfortunate. The church also housed a full court gymnasium and theatre.

In 1985, Victory Temple moved to 930 S. 17th Street. When Elder Davis moved to Jacksonville, Florida, Elder Michael Sanford took over as pastor and ran the church until an illness forced him to relinquish his duties.

In 1990, Elder Tino Smith, a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, took over as pastor of Victory Temple. Two years later, Victory Temple moved from 930 S. 17th Street to a larger building located at 1100 South 17th Street. Elder Smith, upon moving the church, renamed it Greater Victory Temple. Shortly thereafter, Elder Smith was appointed District Elder in the Apostolic Bible Students' Association (A.B.S.A.) Council in Indiana.

Under his direction, Greater Victory Temple has created and operated a private academy with two high school graduates, two day care facilities, a residential group home, a newspaper and a retail store.

Elder T.W. Smith, Pastor

Bethlehem Temple Church
1432 S. 13th St.
Terre Haute IN 47802 232-2232
Bishop Jester Purnell, Pastor



1917

2003

Church History Bethlehem Temple Church

"Having, therefore, obtained help from God, we continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come." (Acts 26:22)

In 1917 the late Bishop G. T. Haywood was led of God to conduct a tent meeting in Terre Haute, Indiana. God blessed in this revival and several souls were saved. After the meeting Bishop Haywood left one of his co-workers, Sister Della Walker, to continue the work, which he had started. In a few months Sister Walker and saints established a small mission known as the Apostolic Faith Church located at 13 ½ and Putnam Streets. Several revivals and tent meetings were conducted by the late Bishops Oscar Saunders and Rayl. Elder W.O. Edington of our city also assisted the church during this time. The congregation continued to increase and soon began to outgrow the small mission.

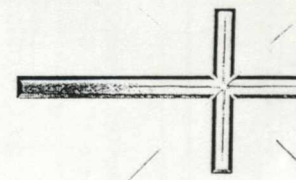
In 1921 Bishop Haywood sent Elder Charles Gordon of Grand Rapids, Michigan to Terre Haute to become the first official pastor of the church. Within a few months God blessed the congregation to move to another location on 13 ½ and Dean Streets where it remained for approximately two years. In 1923 the church was moved to its present site on 13th Street and Washington Avenue but in a different building. The congregation occupied one half of the wood frame building and a pool hall was on the other side. Through prayers and supplications God soon blessed the church to tear down the middle partition and to occupy the whole building. Several of our senior saints were saved under the pastorate of Elder Charles Gordon who served until 1928. At that time, the late sister Estelle Fuqua became pastor and served in this capacity for nearly two years until her death. The late Elder James Tolbert of Michigan succeeded Sister Fuqua as pastor and served for approximately two years.

Elder Ernest L. Jackson of Kansas, Missouri, was sent by Bishop Haywood to pastor the church in 1930. Under his administration the name of the church was changed from Apostolic Faith Church to Bethlehem Temple Church. Elder Jackson served approximately five years and was succeeded by Elder Curtis Moore of Detroit, Michigan in 1936. Elder Moore served as pastor until his death in 1944, at which time Elder Esau Baker was elected pastor by the congregation and

served in the capacity for one year. In 1945 Elder Tyree Gordon was appointed pastor by the late Elder Samuel Johnson and served for two years.

In 1948 Elder Melvin Bateman of St. Louis, Missouri was appointed pastor. Under his leadership the former wood frame structure was demolished and plans were formulated for a new building. The congregation worshipped in the dining hall annex while the building was being constructed. The foundation of the new building was laid in 1952. Although Elder Bateman resigned before the completion of the building, God blessed the brethren of the church to complete the work. In 1955 the late Elder Andrew Ingram of Terre Haute was appointed acting pastor. He was assisted by Evangelist Ida Nolan and Elder Tyree Gordon.

In 1957 Elder Stanley Halton of Jackson, Michigan was inspired of God to visit our city, a place he had never been before. During his first visit to the city he met one of the brethren quite unexpectedly in a gas station. Within a few weeks after his initial visit Elder Halton was elected pastor and served faithfully for twelve years. Under his leadership new carpeting and pews were installed in the church, a new gas furnace was purchased and the dining hall enlarged. Before his departure in 1969 Bishop Halton asked District Elder Jester Purnell of Chicago, Illinois to become our pastor. Under the leadership of our pastor the church has made tremendous progress, both spiritually and naturally. The church was incorporated and the name changed to Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. In October 1969 the church signed a contract with radio station WBOW for a thirty minute broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. This broadcast continued every week in hope of drawing lost souls to Christ. One major accomplishment of our pastor was the adjoining of the church and dining hall into one edifice. Included in the remodeling was the addition of new Sunday School rooms and restrooms for the senior citizens. The entire exterior of the church was remodeled with brick and floor of the sanctuary renovated with hardwood. District Elder Purnell was soon elevated to the office of Bishop and currently is the Episcopal Bishop of the 7th District. Bishop Purnell's slogan is "reach for the stars"; he is a man concerned with making progress in God. Where there is no vision, the people perish... (Proverbs 29:18)



True Grace Fellowship
1401 N. 28th St.
Terre Haute IN 47804 232-6055
Clarence & Bobbie Debow, Pastors



19 20

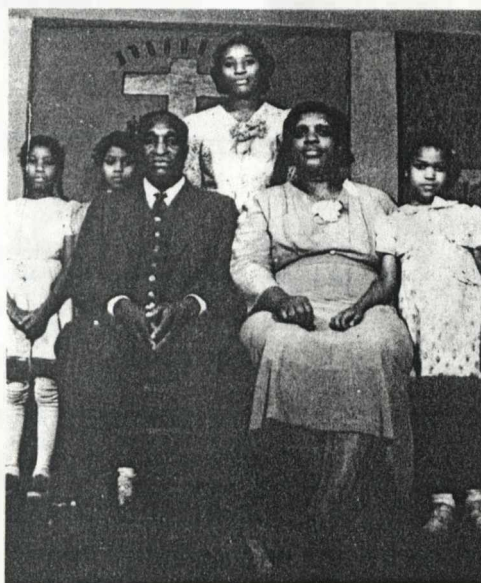
20 03

Autobiography and Church History

Eld. Essie R. Cheeks was born to Mr. Walter Cheeks and Mrs. Idella Cheeks, January 30, 1922, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The family moved to Brazil, Indiana when Eld. Cheeks was two months old. He attended public schools in Brazil, Indiana. He was baptized in the Second Missionary Baptist Church and attended the Sunday school and many of the Church's functions, faithfully.

On June 23, 1941 he married Virginia Ruth Anderson of Terre Haute, Indiana. They were united in marriage in the city of Muskegon, Michigan, where most of Eld. Cheeks family now resides. There they lived for one year and returned to Terre Haute, where they set up permanent residence. To this marriage union was born seven children, Mrs. Idella Williams, Mrs. Phyliss McQueen, Essie R. Cheeks, Jr., Larry W. Cheeks, Myron H. Cheeks, Minister Melvin K. Cheeks and Minister Roger D. Cheeks.

It was after returning to Terre Haute that Eld. Essie Cheeks and Missionary Virginia Cheeks were sanctified through the blood of Jesus and was filled with the Holy Ghost and were members of the Eighth Avenue Church of God In Christ under the leadership and guidance of Eld. Lewis Bernice and wife, Missionary Verla Bernice. Eld. and Sister Bernice established the first church of God In Christ in the city of Terre Haute of which Sister Virginia Cheeks and her sisters were their first Sunday School pupils, this was in the year of the 1920's.



Eld Cheeks held the office of Y.P.W.W. President at the Eighth Avenue Church of God In Christ for five years. He and his wife worked side by side with the youth. He was also District Sunday School Superintendent of the Southeastern District under the auspices of Superintendant McKinley Risby and later Superintendant Jack Moore. Eld. Cheeks was called into the ministry in 1953. He and Sister Cheeks continued working with the youth and later formed the group called the Cheeks Singers; with which they travelled over the Midwest.

In 1957 Eld. Cheeks answered the call to pastorate. They started in a school building located at that time on Second and Crawford streets. Later they moved to 1334 North Twenty-ninth street. With a mind to build and a determination to work, Pastor Cheeks began to make plans, along with his small congregation, to build God a house.

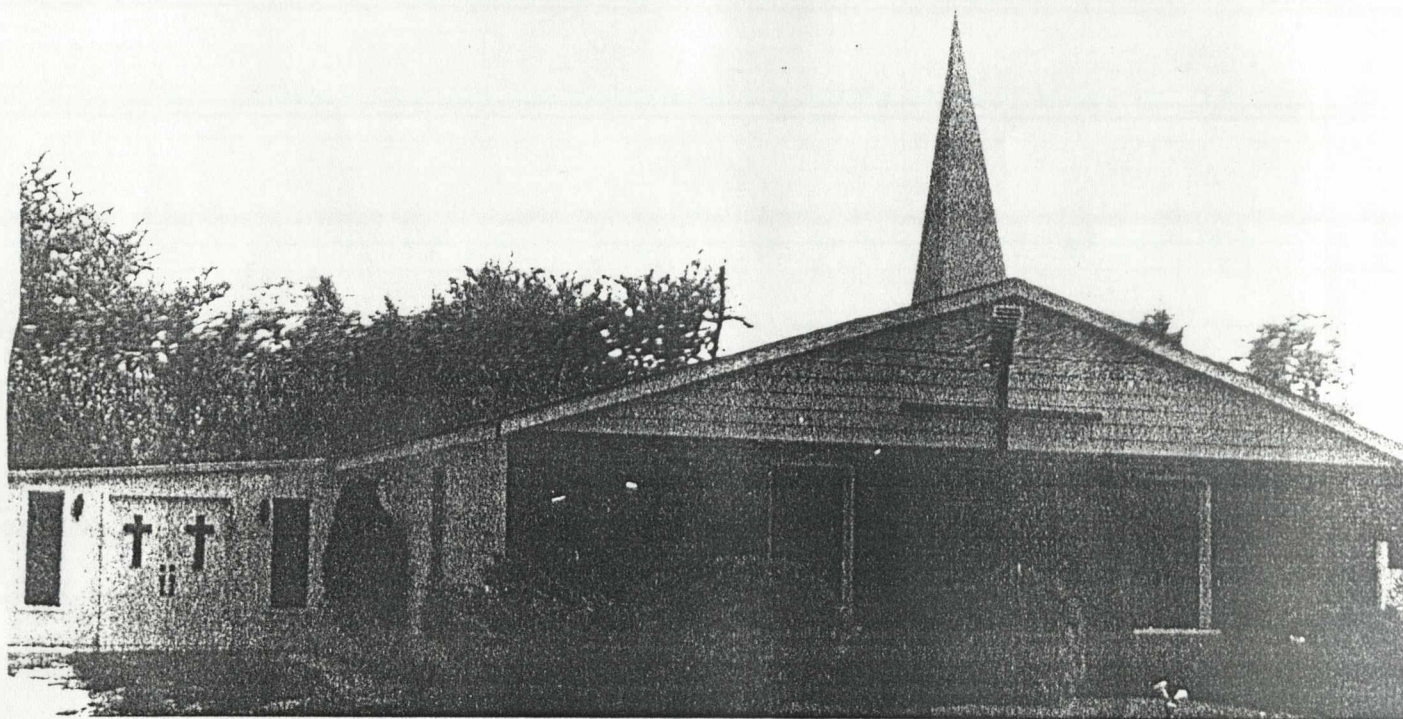
The land was purchased, and on May 21, 1961 the ground breaking ceremonies were held on the site of the new building located at 1401 North Twenty-eighth street.

A stone structure was erected and Church services were held in that building which now houses the kitchen and fellowship hall. Brother Edward T. Jones, who was at that time an art student at Indiana State University, drew the plans for the Church. He now resides and is teaching in Seattle, Washington.

In 1968, Eld. Cheeks with the help of the members and many well wishers, and of course with the help of God, erected the sanctuary, the now beautiful edifice located at 1401 Twenty-eighth street. We certainly thank God.

*CHEEKS TEMPLE
CHURCH
OF
GOD IN CHRIST*

1401 North 28th Street



*SILVER
ANNIVERSARY
1957 — 1982*

We Have Come
Thus Far By
Faith

ELD. E.R. Cheeks,
Pastor

Cheeks Temple Church of God in Christ
28th and 5th Avenue

Pastor and Wife
SILVER ANNIVERSERY



Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. (Nehemiah 2:18)

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work. (Nehemiah 4:4)

So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month E-lul, in fifty and two days. And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. (Nehemiah 6:15, 16)

And so the Cheeks Temple walls were finished and dedicated to God on July 25, 1968.

Eld. & Sis. Cheeks

THE COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bessie Wigfall, Clarice Cheeks, Beulah Anderson,
Edith Jones, Melvin Cheeks. Not pictured Idella
Williams and Hlenn Joyner.

THANK YOU

FRIENDS, are priceless, this we
know
For God and You tell us so
And through this Little Note,
we say
THANK YOU all in every way.

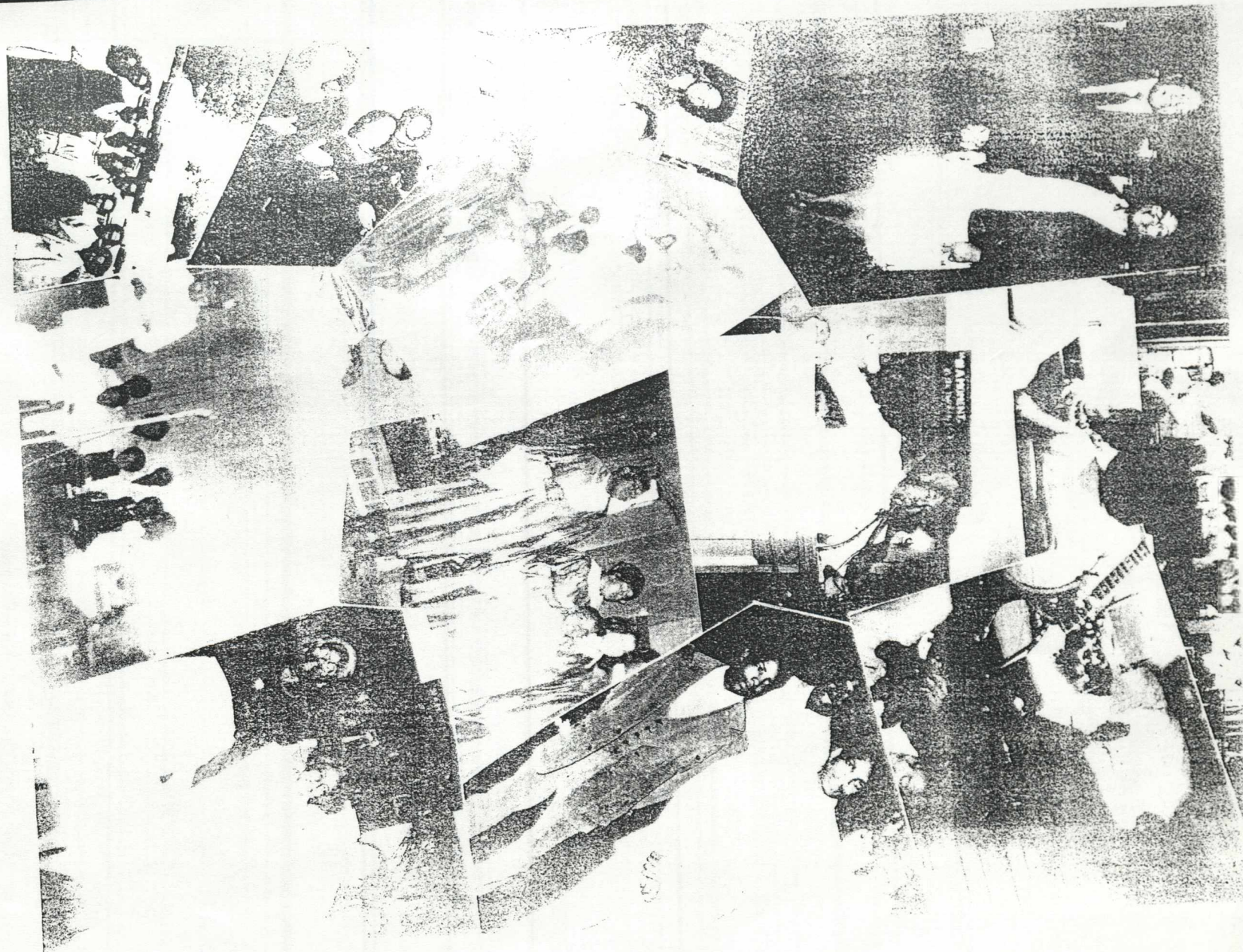
For your love, your messages
Your flowers, your services, too
Your help, your kindness
And your courtesy, too.

And now we are yours
To serve others, Lord
Yes, others please
Let this our motto be.

As we serve others, Lord
We serve Thee
Let us search our hearts
To see if we have done our best.

Lord, we Thank Thee for our family
Both Natural and Spiritual
And our many friends whom has
stood
With us through these "25" years.

Please help us to stay Humble
at your feet
Again we say, "THANK YOU" all
And may God richly bless you.



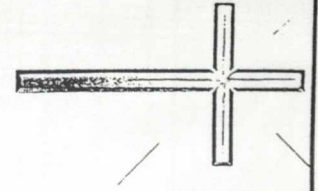
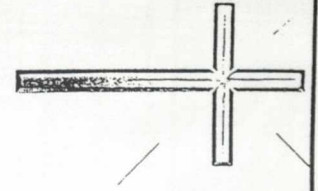
PATRONS LIST

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Calimese
 Mr. & Mrs. Berchie Stewart
 William & Annie Jones
 Rev. & Mrs. J. Hugley
 Mr. & Mrs. Hutchison
 Martha F. Kirby
 Rev. & Mrs. Mayes
 Sis. Maria F. Isabell
 Glenda C. Pfaff
 Mr. Herman Roberts
 Mr. & Mrs. Casreal Foster
 Rev. & Mrs. Cletus Malone
 Rev. & Mrs. J. E. Barksdale
 Frederick Sarver
 Franklin C. Gabriel
 Mrs. Mitter Malone
 Reuben Strong
 Bro. Tommy Moore
 Sis. Carolyn Thornton
 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Burks
 Bro. & Sis. Curtis Mitchell
 Sarah Wells
 Ms. E. Weston
 Bro. Anthony Dixon
 Bro. & Sis. Terry Ward
 Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Ladd
 Mr. & Mrs. Herman Roberts
 Dan & Cathy Stewart
 Bob Loy
 Frank Lee
 Marcellus Ladd
 Penny Acuff
 Natalie Weatherspoon
 Selena Russell

Mary Crawford
 Mary Madison
 Deloris Knox
 Nicole Knox
 Jeffery Knox
 Margaret Baker
 Linda Martin
 Mammie Washington
 Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Hampton
 Jess Williams
 Eld. Johnny Sanders
 Bro. Donald Jones
 Sis. Lucy Davis
 Mother Ida M. Sanders
 Minister Robert Jackson
 Annie Duval
 Minister Vincent Harris
 Bro. & Sis. Andre Moody
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Smith
 Sis. Doris Huff
 Sis. Deloris Shouse
 Bro. & Sis. Daniel Shouse
 Sis. Lisa Smith
 Bro. Ben Cox
 Sis. Sandra Ruby
 Missionary Dorothy Beaman
 Deacon Clisby Smith
 Sis. Barbara Smith
 Corrine I. Milton
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Brennan
 Peggy Anderson
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Russell
 Margaret Stefanski

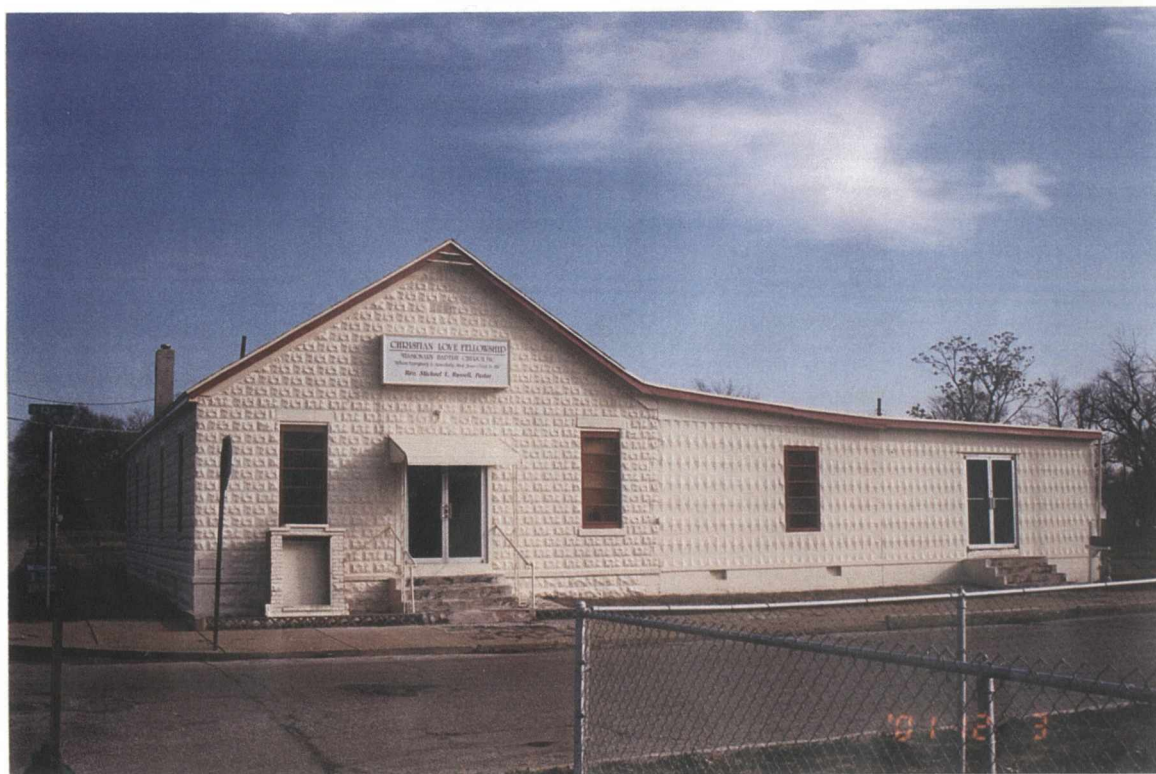
Elder Essie R. Cheeks was the pastor of Cheeks Temple Church of God in Christ until 1991, at which time his son, Elder Roger Cheeks, took over as pastor. The church was then called Miracle Church of God in Christ. Roger Cheeks was pastor from 1991 to 1997. The church was sold to Elder Clarence DeBow in 1997 and it is now re-named True Grace Fellowship Church. Elder Essie Cheeks died May 13, 2002.

AVERY[®] M
PV119G



Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

1100 South 13½ Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



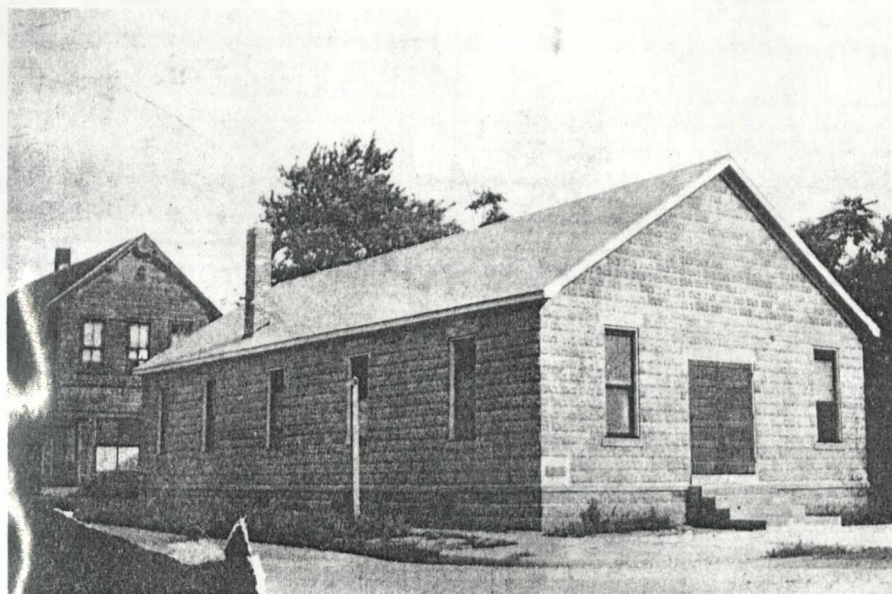
19 15

20 03

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all
sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

II Cor. 9:8

DEDICATED JUNE 25, 1939



CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Organized 1915
"Love Grows Here"

1100 South Thirteenth & One Half Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



OCTOBER 25, 1981

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

1100 South 13½ Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802



God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

II Cor. 9:8



Rev. Dr. Michael L. Russell, came to us from Highland Baptist Church of Terre Haute, where Rev. Clarence Tyler is the Pastor. Rev. Russell is formerly of the Gabriel Guiding Light M.B.C. of Indpls, Ind, where his father Rev. Clifton Russell is the Pastor. God directed Rev. Russell to us in July 1990, when he was asked by Rev. Orville Anderson to come over and spear-head the 39th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Morris Blade. Rev. Russell came over to assist us as requested, and the Pre-Anniversary & Anniversary Services was a spiritual success. Rev. Russell continued to give his advice and assist us whenever we called upon him, he was asked many times to preach during our morning and evening services.

On August 13, 1990, Pastor Morris Blade and the Calvary Baptist Official Board felt inspired and directed by God to call Rev. Russell to Calvary as Co-Pastor. Rev. Anderson called Rev. Russell the same night and advised him of the election. Rev. Russell advised him that he would certainly need to seek God's guidance and instruction in this matter, and would respond after hearing from God, Rev. Anderson

then advised Rev. Russell that an official letter would be sent to him at Highland B.C. On August 19, 1990 accepted the call to Co-Pastor and came over to Calvary, and was received with joy by the Christians of Calvary.

While serving as Co-Pastor Rev. Russell was instrumental in reviving the spirit of the church. As directed by God Almighty he assisted Rev. Blade both at church and at home, he cooked and served Rev. Blade breakfast, lunch and occasionally dinner many times, he also helped him with his physical therapy, and at the church he assisted Rev. Blade in maintaining the church's need for Pastoral respect, guidance and leadership. Under Rev. Blade's authority and Rev. Anderson's agreement, Rev. Russell established the finance committee, he also spear-headed a project to repair the church vans, both vans were running and providing transportation for Calvary members, he later guided the repair and replacement of the air condition units, which later rendered a cool worship service for Calvary members.

Rev. Russell inspired the idea for a church picnic, and the members of Calvary enjoyed a successful fellowship picnic at Deming Park, also, with the consent of the Official Board and church members, Rev. Russell Incorporated the church with the State of Indiana as a Not-For-Profit Organization. After Rev. Morris Blade officially retired in August 1991, the current and active members of Calvary M.B.C., officially elected on August 27, 1991, to call Rev. Russell as Pastor. Since being elected by 97% of the current membership, Rev. Russell is inspired to continue to lead us as God leads him, to lead us to higher horizons in Christ. Pastor Russell has most recently began a project to renovate the church edifice, he has received donations of paint and materials, and man-power to effect repairs to the church, and he has directed the painting of the church. Rev. Russell is the single parent of 4 children, Sharquela 12, Sharii 10, Mecayl 7, Reicina 6. Rev. Russell is also a graduate of Bishop College where he earned a Degree in Religion.

HISTORY SOUGHT

NO RESPONSE



Mount of Olives Seventh Day Adventist

1322 S. 13th St.
Terre Haute, IN



Saints Home C.O.G.I.C.
2210 N. 13th St.
Terre Haute IN 47804

HISTORY SOUGHT

NO RESPONSE



Israel of God Church
801 Gilbert Ave.
Terre Haute IN 47807



House of Prayer to All Nations (Rapture Temple)
2601 Dean St.
Terre Haute IN 47802

DAVID
VARELA

HISTORY SOUGHT

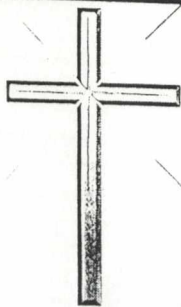
NO RESPONSE



True Gospel Tabernacle
2200 Wabash Ave.
Terre Haute IN 47807



Church of Christ
820 N. 21st St.
Terre Haute IN 47807



BAHIG
WIKI

